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Couple fled as fire tore way through their home

A FIRE ripped through a Brownhills home forcing its occupants to flee for safety.

The blaze tore through the upstairs of the mid-terrace property in Third Avenue within minutes of getting under way.

A couple, thought to be in their 30s, fled after smelling smoke. The fire started in a rear bedroom. Crews from Walsall, Sutton Coldfield, Fallings Park and Wednesbury were called to the scene on Saturday night.

Twenty firefighters battled the flames at around 7pm to stop them spreading to nearby properties.

On Monday a 19-year-old man was taken to the Manor Hospital suffering effects of smoke inhalation after being rescued from a blazing derelict pub, The Orange Tree, on Wolverhampton Road, Walsall.

Father faces charge over the death of his daughter

THE FATHER of a Cheslyn Hay girl who died in Walsall's Manor Hospital seven years after she was injured as a baby has appeared in court charged with her manslaughter.

Paul Slattery, who is accused of killing Caitlin Wetton, appeared at Birmingham Crown Court on Tuesday. The 32-year-old is accused of shaking his then eight-week-old daughter Caitlin at the family home in November 2002, causing injuries which resulted in her death at Walsall Manor Hospital in June 2010.

He was living with her mother Michelle Wetton at Glenthorne Drive, Cheslyn Hay, when he allegedly carried out the attack.

The case of Slattery, now of Rowan Crescent, Leven, Fife, in Scotland, was adjourned for a plea and case management hearing to take place at Birmingham Crown Court on May 18. He was released on conditional bail.

CALL TO SUPPORT TOWN'S MARKET

by Catherine Dalton

SHOPPERS are being urged to stick with Walsall Market as some stalls prepare to move to a new site. Traders on the historic market are ready for some stalls to move, effectively splitting the market whilst work on the new Cop and Primark stores takes place.

Around 30 stalls are set to move from their current pitch in Digbeth to the Old Market Square, close to the entrance of the Old Square Shopping Centre. It means the market will operate from two separate sites while the £13 million development takes shape.

Upbeat traders said the two market sites will still be within a short walk of each other.

Karen Sands, who family has run a fish stall on the market for more than a century, said: "The traders want to reassure shoppers and visitors to the town that the market and all of its stall holders will be there to serve them."

"Because of this development we do have to move while they are doing the work, for health and safety reasons."

Traditional

"Some of the traders will be going back to the Old Market Square, which is by no means a million miles away. It is just a short walk and it is actually the traditional home of the market."

She added: "The benefits of these new developments will be great and, as they say, you can't make an omelette without breaking a few eggs."

Around a third of the market's 100 stalls will be affected by the move. Stalls currently on The Bridge will remain where they are.

Regeneration chiefs and market traders have been in talks over the upheaval.

Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "The Old Square shopping centre redevelopment is going to be a major asset to the town and is excellent news. This is a clear vote of confidence in the town."

"We want to make sure the life of the town continues while construction takes place."

"We've sat down with the market traders and we've come up with a plan that retains the market but also makes a path for construction vehicles at certain times of the day to minimise disruption."

Continental market call - see page 2

Sheepdog Tilly is pride of the pups

OLD English sheepdog Tilly scooped the title of 'best puppy bitch' at Crufts, in Birmingham at the weekend, delighting owner Kate Watt, aged 42, of Rushall.

Head and heart for heights



Going up in the world - Emilie Stone and Rebekah Few are ready to abseil for charity

DAREDEVIL fundraisers were going to great heights by abseiling down Walsall New Art Gallery in the name of charity this week.

Almost 100 people were due to scale the iconic town centre building yesterday (Wednesday) to raise cash for the British Heart Foundation.

It was also to coincide with national No Smoking Day and organised through the

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust lifestyle services team. It's chief executive Richard Kirby was among those taking part in the challenge, alongside members of the lifestyle team, councillors, medical professionals and members of the public.

Anne Pledger, mental health promotions specialist, said: "Everyone is excited and a bit nervous."

Dead man is named in police appeal



Mahinder Singh Virk

A MAN who suffered a neck injury and died at a home in Willenhall has been named by detectives.

Police and paramedics were called to a house in Beacon Road, New Invention, on March 3 to reports a man had suffered a serious injury. He was this week named as Mahinder Singh Virk, aged 30, from India. The death is being treated as suspicious as police launched a fresh appeal for information.

Mr Singh Virk had been living at the end terrace home in New Invention while renovation work was being carried out.

A post mortem revealed he died as a result of blood loss from the injury.

Five men have been arrested and questioned in connection with the death.

They have all been released on strict police bail pending further inquiries.

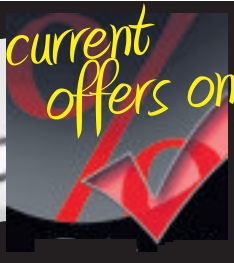
Connie's big choir success

SINGING sensation Connie Talbot has become a triple world record holder.

The 11-year-old, from Streetly, notched her third entry in the Guinness Book of Records by leading a choir of almost 7,000 children at a packed O2 Arena in London.

The youngest artist to make the British charts and youngest to release a gold-selling record, Connie can add 'biggest backing choir for a lead vocalist' to her list of achievements.

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Bid to bring cinema to town centre

A NEW multi-screen cinema is on its way to Walsall town centre, after 20 years with no central movie theatre.

An unnamed operator is in talks over bringing a multi-million pound complex to the town.

The town centre has not had a cinema since the Cannon Cinema closed in 1993.

The potential site has not yet been revealed but it is believed regeneration sites such as St Matthews

Quarter, close to the former Shannons Mill site, and Walsall Waterfront could be in the running.

It is hoped a new cinema will attract more visitors to the town centre and boost other leisure facilities in Walsall.

Interested

Regeneration chief Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "A cinema operator is interested in Walsall and we are working closely with

landowners and developers to do everything that we possibly can to see if we can make it happen.

"We have been working hard to get a cinema operator in Walsall. We have got one interested and now we need to work hard with developers to make sure we can secure this."

The previous town centre cinema was in Park Street and closed in 1993 after more than 50 years. It was initially called The Savoy.

Before that, Her Majesty's Theatre had occupied the site. It was a three-screen picture house until it closed in November 1993 when it was then known as Cannon Cinema.

Cinema-goers in Walsall currently travel to the Showcase at Bentley Mill Way, near Junction 10, or Cineworld in Wednesfield.

Cineworld announced last week that admissions had risen by 2.3 per cent to 48.3 million last year.

Rail work to close road for a month

A BUSY road in Bloxwich will be closed until mid-April as work on a £12 million rail resignalling scheme between Walsall and Cannock takes place.

Bloxwich level crossing, in Willenhall Lane, will close from 10pm on Saturday until April 16.

Businesses nearby fear the closure will have an impact during morning and evening rush hour. But Network Rail said the work is essential improvement work.

A diversion will take drivers round Reeves Street, Nursery Road, Somerfield Road, Leamore Lane and Fryers Road.

John Hayward, managing director of Metal Processes on the Willenhall Lane Industrial Estate, said: "This will have an impact in the mornings and in the evenings because there is quite a big traffic build up there."

It is also feared the closure may mean longer journeys to school for parents taking their children to the Mirus Academy, in nearby Leamore Lane.

Pay appeals may go up

THE number of appeals lodged against a controversial pay shake-up at Walsall Council could rise after it emerged 140 posts have had to be re-evaluated.

The posts have been pulled from the pay and grading process to be checked again following an independent review.

Workers affected will have the chance to appeal against the new wage proposals.

Inequalities

A total of 765 formal appeals have been lodged against the controversial single status pay shake-up that aims to iron out inequalities in pay.

It will see around a fifth of the 7,500-strong workforce take a pay cut.

Funding advice

ADVICE on funding opportunities will be given to community and voluntary groups in Walsall next week.

Walsall Voluntary Action will run surgeries at its Bridge Street office on Wednesday, March 21.

To book a place, call (01922) 61984

MORE specialist markets are being planned in Walsall town centre this year following the success of an Italian-themed event.

Council chiefs in Walsall are in talks over holding more continental markets in a bid to encourage more shoppers to the heart of the borough.

The Italian theme with stalls selling breads, pasta, olives and continental cakes was staged in Park Street just before Christmas and proved a success.

Farmer's markets are already held in other parts of the Black Country and in Staffordshire.

The success elsewhere has seen traders in Walsall call for more alternative markets to be held.

Walsall regeneration chief councillor Adrian Andrew said: "We're looking to introduce theme markets for Walsall this year."

The main market is held around the The Bridge on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The continental ones could be held on Thursdays or on the same day as Walsall Market.

The town's historic market with 100 stalls was granted planning permission to stay at its current site for another 18 months last autumn.

It is anticipated to move to a permanent position elsewhere under regeneration plans, including the multi-million pound overhaul of the Old Square Shopping Centre.

Fears have been voiced that the market will be split in two, and traders will lose income, as some stalls will have to move during the shopping centre revamp.

It has prompted the Walsall Market Traders Association to call for work to be halted during the peak trading times of 10am and 3pm. Talks are now on-going over the impact on the market.

Prosecutor Mr Roger Bleazard told the court that the assault happened in a cubicle at the hospital at about 9.15pm on February 3.

"He kicked her in the chest with both feet. She fell back into the corner unable to get up then he leapt off the bed and punched her in the head four or five times. She has been left feeling frightened by the attack," Mr Bleazard told last week's hearing.

Luthre earlier admitted assault and using threatening, abusive or insulting words. Mrs Debbie Starrs, defending, said her client was "thoroughly ashamed" of his actions and that he had expressed remorse.

Drunk jailed for attack on a nurse

A DRUNK who punched and kicked a nurse as she was taking his blood pressure in hospital has been jailed for four weeks.

Sunil Luthre attacked Perri Minton and then told another staff member he would kill him at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton.

The 36-year-old of Milcote Drive, Willenhall, was drunk and had a previous conviction for attacking a paramedic two years ago.

In the latest attack, he used both feet to kick a nurse from his hospital bed before attacking her with his fists, Wolverhampton Magistrates Court heard.

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Store eggs on fund raising



Receiving Easter eggs, Wodensfield Primary School pupils Ryan Harris, nine, Carys Aplin, 10, Demi Holder, 10, and Tanisha Haughton, 10, and back teacher Louise Richards, with Tesco community champion Alveen Biggs and compliance manager Amanda Hodgkiss, at Tesco, Owen Road, Willenhall

CHILDREN have received a donation of easter eggs from a Willenhall supermarket to help with their school fundraising drive.

Youngsters from Wodensfield Primary, in Wednesfield, wrote to Tesco asking if they could provide some eggs to stage a hunt to help the youngsters raise cash for their

school. The store in Owen Road agreed to help and has supplied children with 48 eggs.

Representatives from the school council visited the supermarket to collect the eggs from staff last week. Tesco community champion Alveen Biggs said they were happy to help out pupils.

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Dignified disposal for bones

SKELETAL remains belonging to at least three different people used for medical studies have been handed over to the coroner in Walsall for a "dignified disposal".

The bones had belonged to Anne Tyler's GP father Lionel, who bought them when he was a medical student in the 1940s. They passed to his wife Mavis when he died seven years ago. Following Mrs Tyler's death last year, daughter Anne Tyler contacted the coroner.

The 59-year-old, who is headteacher at New Invention Junior School, said: "I've known of the collection of bones all my life. My dad bought them as a medical student in the 1940s."

Miss Tyler said the bones were kept in a leather suitcase at her mother's home in Prestwood Road, Wolverhampton.

Coroner Robin Balmain said at an inquest at Walsall Manor Hospital: "I can do little more but to authorise a dignified disposal."

Man had knife due to fears

A MAN from Willenhall, who armed himself with a kitchen knife due to fear of a gang of yobs, has been given a two-year supervision order. Peter Moore, aged 44, was seen with the knife in Pinfold Street, Darlaston, and the police were called.

Mr Harvindarpal Dhami, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court that Moore had stressed to police officers after his arrest that he was frightened of youths coming to his home.

Moore, of Birmingham Street, said he took the knife in order to confront the gang so he could scare them into leaving him alone. He admitted possessing a bladed article and was told he must obey a two-month curfew between 7pm and 7am.

Mr Oliver Woolhouse, defending, said Moore accepted there was no excuse for his behaviour but he did what he felt was best.

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning will be held at Christ Church in Blakenall Heath on Saturday with proceeds to St Giles Walsall Hospice.

Thug threatened to burn his grandmother

A MAN who threatened to set his 83-year-old grandmother alight when she refused to give him money to buy alcohol is beginning a five-year prison sentence.

Daniel Stevens repeatedly pushed the pensioner, who had offered him a place to stay at her home in Walsall after he had been released from prison 27 days earlier.

The 25-year-old, of Slaney Road, Walsall, soaked a piece of material in alcohol and then took out his lighter, telling his grand-

mother: "Come here. It won't take long. It won't hurt much."

He was jailed last week after pleading guilty at Wolverhampton Crown Court to attempted robbery and theft.

Stevens had demanded money from his grandmother, who had offered him a place to stay at the complex for elderly people that she lived in.

Screamed

But when she refused to hand over money to him, he took out the lighter and burned the cord on the alarm system of her home.

She managed to hide her purse and while Stevens was looking for it she screamed for help and a neighbour came to help her, Miss Helena Miller, prosecuting, told the court.

Stevens had stolen jewellery from his grandmother but it was recovered after his arrest.

Mr Oliver Woolhouse, defending, said Stevens was sorry for his actions and explained that he had been abusing alcohol and taking medication before the attack on his grandmother.

He had never meant to harm his grandmother, he added.

Judge John Warner sentenced Stevens to five years in prison.

"She gave you somewhere to live and how did you repay her?" he said.

"You were waving your lighter around and you were effectively threatening to burn her."

"It was clearly a weapon and I am not at all surprised she was absolutely terrified."

"Then, subsequently, you pushed her around in her own home."

"It was a despicable and callous way to behave towards that old lady."

Work starts clearing site ready for business park

THE LANDMARK site of a former car parts factory is being cleared ready for its multi-million pound transformation into a business park.

Up to £4 million is to be invested in the former GKN Driveline site in Aldridge in a move expected to create jobs and allow firms the chance to expand without having to move out of the area.

Businesses are currently in talks with the new owners of the site, which is being managed by Birmingham-based Property Link (Midlands).

Sunny Singh, surveyor for the property agency, said: "Clearance works are going on. Redundant pipes are being stripped out and it's being prepared and made ready for refurbishment."

"Then, various jobs will be done such as roofing and work on offices."

"Large companies are taking an interest in the site."

"It's subject to the site being cleared up and made presentable."

Owner

The refurbished site in Middlemore Lane, which is 347,125 sq ft and was once occupied by more than 200 workers, will be for office, warehouse and industrial use.

It is currently made up of a multi-bay industrial facility including production areas, workshops and a

by Lisa O'Brien

single-storey office extension with car parking.

The transformation is expected to happen within the next 12 to 18 months.

Owner of the site, Pal Singh, said: "Despite the economic times we are in, through constant investment and strategic purchases we have experienced tremendous growth across our property portfolio of now up to 10,000 million square feet."

"The former GKN Driveline works based here is a piece of local history and unfortunately the engineering works on this site was a victim of the current economic climate."

"We will be investing a considerable sum of money to refurbish the commercial complex."

Businesses interested in the site can call 0121 200 3377 or visit the website www.propertylink.co.uk. GKN was an employer in the town for more than 50 years.



Pints mean prizes – Debbie Humphreys and Richard Goode from The Black Country Arms celebrate winning the town's pub of the year award for the third time in a row

Hat-trick for pick of the pubs

THE Black Country Arms has again been named Walsall's pub of the year – for the third year running.

A commemorative beer barrel given to winners of the award will now become a permanent fixture behind the bar. The High Street pub is run by Debbie Humphreys and her partner Richard Goode, who have been at the helm for almost three years.

Debbie, aged 45, said: "We didn't think we'd get it again. It is not just judged on the beer we sell but on the overall pub experience."

Members of Walsall Camra (Campaign for Real Ale) handed over a certificate at a celebration which also featured music from swing band The Millertones.

Debbie said: "We just want to thank everybody who attended to support us and to the band who helped create a wonderful atmosphere."

The Black Country Arms is owned by Gornal-based Black Country Traditional Inns. The pub dates back to the 18th century.

Keith Watkins, Walsall CAMRA pubs preservation officer, said: "The Black Country Arms provides consistently good beer."

"It has a fantastic range of ales and is a really warm, comfortable pub where the main background noise is the sound of conversation."

NEWS in brief

'Privatisation of police' concern

WEST Midlands Police's plan to ask private companies to bid for some of its services will prompt "much concern", says Walsall North MP David Winnick.

Police patrols could be among the services outsourced by the force.

Labour MP David Winnick, a member of the Commons Home Affairs Committee, said: "Would the power of arrest follow in due course?"

"What is now being suggested will cause further controversy."

Mr Winnick said the move was the "creeping privatisation of policing."

Keyboard skills seen up close

A MUSICAL lunchtime treat is on the cards for visitors to Walsall Town Hall today (Thursday), courtesy of borough organist Peter Morris. He will be performing a recital at 1pm featuring music by Elgar and Parry.

The audience will be able to watch his performance close up as a giant screen will be used to show his skills more clearly. Tickets cost £2 and are available on the door.

Get on the run to help hospice

FUNDRAISERS are being asked to put on their running shoes and race to raise cash for a hospice in Walsall. A sponsored run in Lichfield will raise money for St Giles Walsall Hospice in Goscoe Lane.

The St Giles Lichfield 5k run takes place on Sunday, March 25 at Beacon Park from 9.30am. The entry fee is £10 and runners must be aged 14 years or over. Call 01543 434542.

Tickets on sale for next shows

TICKETS are available for Aldridge Youth Theatre's productions later this month.

Musical Blood Brothers and French comedy The Fish are being performed on March 29, 30 and 31 at 7.30pm.

The box office is at the theatre in Noddy Park Road. Tickets cost £7.

Youth awards

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STRANGE, isn't it, how few jobs and even fewer Olympic sports, allow men and women to compete on genuinely equal terms and yet a TV show, Total Wipeout does it night after night? And makes us laugh into the bargain. The girl getting walloped with the giant foam hammer was priceless.

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EYEWITNESS of the week award goes to the chap Up North who saw the weekend meteor glowing in the sky. He could not possibly have known whether it was one mile or a million miles away and yet confidently told the radio reporter: "It was about the size of a football."

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SO FAREWELL, Davy Jones, and thanks for the memories. Those of us of a certain age recall The Monkees not only bursting upon the 1960s pop scene with some excellent songs but also making us laugh every Saturday in their own show.

Anyone can manufacture a group of four singers, but what are the chances of finding four singing comedians? The Monkees were never a serious challenge to The Beatles but they became the pop group we knew best, perfectly reflecting the fun and froth of that extraordinary decade.

We all have our Monkees moment. Strangely, mine came almost 20 years after their heyday. We were on our way to Lynmouth and we'd had lunch in the beer garden of a hotel in the village of Dunster. It was a blazing hot day and as we drove under the pub archway to rejoin the road, the car windows and sunroof were open. Without looking down, I slipped an old cassette into the stereo.

Suddenly the opening bars of The Monkees theme tune were filling the car and echoing off the old walls: "Here we come (boom, boom), walkin' down the street..."

In the mirror I could see my little girl, then just six, crane forward in excitement. For us parents it was a reminder of a great time to be alive. For our daughter it was the dawning of a new emotion. Cool.

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"I WOULD love a big church wedding," declares a contributor to one of the online debates about gay weddings. Listen. I would love a big green Bentley. Just because you want something doesn't mean you can have it. And it certainly doesn't mean you have a human right to have it.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Father made false benefit claims

A COMMUNITY worker and school governor from Walsall claimed almost £30,000 in benefits despite having tens of thousands of pounds in the bank.

Muhammed Lulu Miah received housing and council tax benefit despite having up to £34,000 stored away, magistrates were told. The 42-year-old's claim was on the basis of him receiving income support for himself and his family. But he failed to declare his capital and continued to get support from Walsall Council over five years.

This was despite helping others process claims to obtain benefits and being aware of how the system worked.

He admitted his dishonest claim to the council in writing in October 2010. When interviewed the father-of-three revealed undeclared accounts with Lloyds, Nationwide, Santander and TSB.

Miah, of Milton Street, Palfrey, pleaded guilty to three counts of making a false statement or representative to obtain benefit at Walsall Magistrates Court last week. Mrs Kerry Munro, prosecuting on

behalf of the council, said his capital fluctuated between £15,600 and £34,000.

She said: "Mr Miah said he understood the benefit rules, he completed claim forms for the local community. He knew that capital affected the level of benefit and he was very sorry for what he had done."

Mr Ifran Mohammed, defending, said his client had been given some money towards a family wedding.

Magistrates adjourned the case until March 26 for pre-sentence reports. He was granted unconditional bail.



Miah - guilty plea

Firm clear graffiti at church for no charge

A WALSALL church has been saved from having to fork out cash to remove graffiti.

National property damage restoration firm Polygon came to the rescue of St Martin's Church in Walsall where obscene graffiti was sprayed on a stone carving.

The firm removed the scrawl, which was a few feet wide, at the Daffodil Road church free of charge.

Carving

The church staff, who were worried about how much the graffiti would cost to get rid of, have thanked them.

A stone carving, Jesus and the Child, was targeted by vandals, who tagged the graffiti with the letters PDO.

Reverend Simon Bickersteth said the church approached private contractors after an attempt to remove the graffiti using chemicals had failed.

Care home link to pub

MORE than 40 new jobs will be created under plans to build a care home in the "underused" beer garden of a pub in Walsall.

It is claimed that the 30-bedroom care home earmarked for land next to the Four Crosses in Shelfield will also help boost trade at the pub. The two-storey care home would be linked to the Green Lane pub via its first floor.

Jobs for cleaners, laundry operatives, care assistants, nurses, admin staff and maintenance workers would all be created if the scheme is given the go-ahead by council planners.

The care home would also be able to make use of a dining room and kitchen on the first floor of the pub, which it no longer uses.

Dancing for cancer charity

STAFF at Walsall-based insurance company Home-Serve raised more than £1,500 through two fundraising ventures for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Workers at the Cable Drive base took part in a wear yellow to work day and also in a large-scale Zumba dance event.

Volunteers also headed into Walsall centre with collecting tins and daffodil pins.

£1m offer to kickstart house building projects

MORE than £1 million will be spent to kickstart stalled housing schemes in a Black Country borough, creating hundreds of new jobs.

Council bosses in Walsall are looking for firms to come forward and bid for a slice of the cash pot. It comes after around £770,000 was dished out to five developers to restart work on more than 200 new homes, in moves to create 300 new jobs. Now, a further £1 million has been made available to restart stalled projects with businesses invited to approach the council by March 30.

Regeneration chief Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "We've dipped our toe in the water and it's clear that by offering loans and grants in exceptional circumstances to developers to re-start stalled schemes everyone wins. Jobs are created, homes are built and investment comes pouring in."

Unlock

"The first round of funding has helped unlock five projects worth £20 million overall and created more than 300 jobs overall."

The money is from a Government cash pot under the New Homes Bonus, which gives local authorities money when new homes are built. In the first phase, Midland Properties is to receive £245,000 loans to resume building work at the former Field Road industrial estate in Bloxwich and building 11 rental homes at the former Chamberlin and Hill site in Bloxwich.

Stanley Developments is getting a £175,000 to help work start on 85 private and affordable older person extra care homes in Bentley Road North. Jessup Brothers Ltd will get £175,000 to resume work on 823 flats at the Walsall Waterfront, while BT Felton and Sons will get £175,000 to build 12 homes in Pheasey.

At a recent meeting, members were told a new police approach, which is still being drawn up, will be adopted.

Chief Inspector Kevin Bullas said: "The focus will concentrate on the key priorities, namely prevention, prosecution, outreach support for sex workers, drug support and after-care."

Arrested

"We will continue to work closely with the local community to tackle prostitution. We are in this for the long haul."

It comes after more than 200 people were arrested for sex industry crimes as part of police crackdown Operation Nominal.

Members have been visiting local services who counsel and rehabilitate sex workers to investigate ways of increasing support and provision.

Students release free album



Walsall campus students, back left, Richard Shepherd, Josh McLean, Mitch Gibbons and, front, Tammy King and Dan Chandos-Hall, who have recorded their first album MUSICIANS at the Walsall campus of Wolverhampton University have put together their first album.

Third year music students at the university's Walsall campus have created the album called In The Hub - a nod to the university's new £10 million Performance Hub.

Created by a core of six students, the album includes seven original tracks that have been penned and recorded by them.

It will be available to download for free at www.inthehub.co.uk from March 27.

Dan Chandos-Hall, of Aldridge, features on the album and helped to compile it. The 22-year-old third year music student said: "We all worked together using different skills, skills we didn't know we had and new skills that we had to learn. It was also a great opportunity for us to expose the musical talent at the university."

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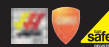
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Income is falling at history HQ

INCOME from Walsall Local History Centre is thousands of pounds down, prompting a review by council chiefs.

Bosses admitted revenue from the centre in Essex Street has not reached its anticipated target this year. However, they insist there are no plans to axe staff at the centre and are looking at ways to further boost income streams.

A financial report to the council states an under achievement of income for the centre and higher employee costs of £26,694. Cost-cutting measures have already been introduced at the heritage base as part of budget cuts in the last year. It was agreed it should close on Fridays from May in an attempt to save £188,000 over the next three years.

Income is raised from the sale of local history publications and photographs, activities and research.

Leisure chief councillor Anthony Harris said: "The deficit will not mean the loss of any jobs, the centre will address it by looking at creative ways to increase their income and improve energy management."

The centre is now open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. It collects, preserves and makes available the borough's records.

Tower organ man to play

A TASTE of Blackpool is coming to Walsall today (Thursday) when the seaside town's Tower Ballroom organist makes an appearance.

Phil Kelsall MBE will be performing at Forest Arts Centre, in Hawbush Road, Leamore, this afternoon. He will play a selection of favourites on his Technics SX-FA1 organ. Mr Kelsall has clocked up more than 30 years as the principal resident organist on the Blackpool Tower Wurlitzer.

Tickets for the 1.30pm show cost £4 and are available on the door.

Table top sale

BENTLEY Methodist Church, in Margaret Street, will host a table top sale on Saturday, March 24, at 10am.

Gates get all clear

WALSALL Council has given retrospective planning permission for security gates at the Walsall Campus of Wolverhampton University at Gorway Road.

Families come up with ideas to boost estate

FAMILIES on a run-down housing estate in Walsall are being urged to suggest ways to spend a £1 million cash boost from the National Lottery.

The Mossley estate in Bloxwich is being handed the money by the lottery's £200m Big Local scheme, and residents are being asked to play a key role in deciding how it is spent.

Parents and shopkeepers on the estate have come up with ideas including a park, green space for children and a facilitator for the shops precinct in Cresswell Crescent.

They also want to see a playground and

safety improvements made to the roads including pedestrian crossings.

Jane Richards, 49, of Lower Farm, works as a shop assistant in Cresswell Crescent, and said the precinct could do with rejuvenating.

She said: "We could have more bins out there, because the rubbish around here is horrendous. We need it cleaned up more often and the shopping precinct made a bit more attractive."

"A proper crossing would also be good because it gets quite busy here."

Mother-of-three Georgina Harris, 27, of

Abingdon Way, said: "It would be nice to have a park for the kids. There's nothing for children around here. If they are in a park then they wouldn't be dossing about in the streets."

Transform

Pharmacy owner Davinder Bhamra, 44, said: "It would be good for the businesses if the shop fronts were rejuvenated."

"There is also nothing here for young kids to do, so it would be nice to have some kind of community centre."

The 10-year spending and investment plan is intended to transform Mossley.

Communities selected to receive the £1m boost have a history of difficulty in getting funding and face issues such as declining industry, high unemployment or low wages.

In the latest round of funding, 50 areas across the country will be given a cash boost as part of the £200m scheme.

Another 50 have already been given money and a further 50 will be boosted before the end of this year.

Representatives from Big Local will work with community groups, charities, residents and businesses to decide how it money can be spent.

Driver who knocked down brother is freed on appeal

A DRIVER who accidentally knocked down and killed his brother after violence flared in Sandwell has been freed from prison on appeal.

Saleem Bostan died after being hit by a car as a scuffle, prompted by an argument in a kebab shop in Wednesbury, which was broken up in April 2010. Three of Mr Bostan's brothers were jailed over the incident.

This included Wajid Bostan, 29, of Birchover Road, in Reedswood, Walsall, who was sentenced to a year in prison for affray. He was driving the car.

Lawyers took the case to London's Court of Appeal last week, where judges agreed the jail term should be suspended. Mr Justice Foskett said it was accepted that Wajid was behind the wheel of the car which killed his brother and that he had been caused "enormous distress".

The court was told an argument started among customers at the Bostans' part-owned kebab shop on the night of April 3, 2010.

One of the Bostan brothers, Nadem, ran into some of the people who had been involved. Other members of the family were called and arrived with weapons. Wajid did not take part in any violence, acting only as a driver.

Brawl

His brother was killed when the brawl broke up and the car was being driven away. Mushtaq and Nadem Bostan were jailed for their parts in the affray, while another brother, Ishtaq, got a suspended sentence.

Mr Justice Foskett said it had not been wrong at the time to jail Wajid Bostan.

But he added: "We have seen a prison report that indicates that he has been a model prisoner and continues to experience the understandable distress that arose from the sad fatality in relation to his brother."

"In those circumstances, it seems to us, on the basis of the material we have, that it is possible to suspend the sentence in this particular case."

Bostan's 12 month sentence will be suspended for 12 months.

New classroom

A MOBILE classroom will be installed at a school in Walsall and its car park extended under plans lodged with the council. Castle Business and Enterprise College in Odell Road has applied for planning permission.

Garden treat for mothers

MOTHERS, grandmothers and great-grandmothers will be admitted free to Birmingham Botanical Gardens, in Edgbaston, this Sunday (Mothering Sunday) if accompanied by paying children.

Zumba dancers help blind



Front from left, instructors Sarah Evans, Lyndsey Moore, Claire Fiore, Bekki Parsons, Sharon Jones, and Kelly Mason take part in a charity Zumbathon

MORE than 40 people took part in a charity Zumbathon in Walsall.

The event at Fishley Park in Pelsall raised around £250 for Walsall Society for the Blind. The group, led by instructor Bekki Parsons, danced for 90 minutes.

Katie Painter, from the charity which helps more than 1,500 in the borough, said: "It was someone on Facebook who offered to

do this for us. We thought it was a brilliant idea and people taking part were in good spirits."

"Walsall Society for the Blind has a day centre in Hatherton Road which is attended by about 50 people a week. We have a team who go out to clients and a newspaper tape which goes out to people so they can get the local news. We help over 1,500 people."

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Recognition for voluntary work

A VOLUNTEER at Walsall Museum has been recognised for her 30 years of service after being selected as an arts and business cultural champion for the region.

Sheila Shreeve began volunteering at Walsall Museum in 1982, bringing her passion for historic costume into managing the clothing collection.

Generations of pupils, college students and university researchers have been given the opportunity to learn from and study the collection through her public talks.

Air cadets learn lifesaving skills

AIR cadets in Walsall are celebrating after their highest number completed three-year first aid courses. Eight out of ten successful cadets gained distinctions in assessments. All the 34 cadets have been trained by one of the Squadron's adult sergeants, Laura Horobin, a student paramedic, helped by qualified adult volunteer staff and members of West Midlands Ambulance Service when not on duty.

Broadway gala gets Showcase

AMERICAN stage composer Stephen Sondheim's musical Company is being screened at Walsall's Showcase Cinema today (Thursday) at 7pm.

The show is a recording made in New York of a gala performance featuring the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. The singers include Broadway star Patti LaPone.

Tickets are priced at £12.50.

Homes plan at old garage site

TWO three-bedroom houses will be built on a patch of land in Brownhills under plans lodged with Walsall Council.

A developer has applied for permission to build the homes in New Road, on a site previously used for a garage workshop.

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Council still paying for bridge and road work

HUNDREDS of thousands of pounds is being spent by council chiefs on bridge assessments and paying off the delayed £1.2 million road improvements in Darlaston, despite it being completed more than 18 months ago.

Walsall Council bosses say cash has been allocated in this financial year as part of the final contractual agreement for the replacement bridge and roadway improvements along Bentley Road South.

A financial report shows that £365,000 is expected to have been spent by council chiefs in the last 12 months to cover the costs of the scheme and structural surveys of bridges around the borough.

The Bentley Road South route was fully re-opened in July 2010, two months later than expected, as part of the year-long package of improvements put forward.

The bridge was rebuilt so it was stronger to carry heavier flows of traffic and larger lorries.

Previously it had a 17-ton weight restriction, which it was feared was putting off businesses from moving to the area. But the replacement can carry 44 metric tonnes and saw the removal of a narrow section of the road which restricted volumes of traffic.

Combination

The cash-strapped council says that the £365,000 spent in the financial year is still around £185,000 less than provisionally budgeted for.

Transport chief Councillor Tom Ansell said: "This is a combination of the final contractual payments associated with the reconstruction of Bentley Road South Canal Bridge and routine structural surveys of a number of Network Rail owned bridges."

The Bentley Road South project was expected to take a year to complete. Delays in changes to the road layout near the former Boat Inn pub were blamed.

Sweet success



Chloe Jones, aged 14, from Mirus Academy where pupils held a Fairtrade bake sale to raise money

CHILDREN at a Walsall school have been putting their baking skills to the test before selling the results to raise cash for a good cause.

The Year 8 and Year 10 pupils at the new Mirus Academy were making the cakes for a sale being held as part of Fairtrade Fortnight, which ended on Sunday. The proceeds from the sale is going the Fairtrade Foundation.

Police patrol park

POLICE say instances of jobs riding off-road motorbikes across a Walsall park have decreased since patrols were stepped up. Householders living near Rough Wood Country Park, off Wood Lane in Short Heath, had complained to police that the bikes were causing a nuisance. Officers say they will continue to monitor the area and offenders will have their bikes seized.

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Plan to build scout HQ to cope with demand

Club is blooming



Walsall flower arrangers are looking for more members, from left, Mavis Condrey, Val Mason, June Ellis, Val Tromas and Maggie Brick FABULOUS flowers will be under the spotlight as a club launches its programme of events and an appeal for new members.

As it enters its 57th year, Walsall Flower Arrangement Club has 57 members and holds regular demonstrations and practical workshops.

Member June Ellis, of Walsall, said: "The group is great company.

It's a very satisfying and relaxing hobby." Fellow member Val Mason said: "We do get people of all ages but we always want more. We've got a very exciting programme of events ahead."

The group will hold a demonstration at Rushall Parish Church, in Leigh Road, on Tuesday, March 20, at 7.30pm. Call (01922) 455619.

A NEW scout headquarters with outdoor playing pitches for up to 200 young people could be built on the site of a derelict former tennis club in Streetly.

The ambitious plans costing up to £400,000 will create a permanent home for members of the 3rd Streetly Scout Group to cope with growing membership.

There are currently 130 members, including beavers, cubs, scouts and a marching band.

There are scores of young people interested in joining, prompting leaders to look at a modern multi-purpose base to cope with demand.

They have earmarked a site next to Farmer John's pub, off Aldridge Road, to create a single-storey building with meeting halls, kitchen, and two outdoor pitches for the likes of football, cricket and basketball.

The sections of the group which cater for six to 18 year-olds are currently split across Streetly School and Streetly Youth Club. Around £750 a month has to be spent on rent to store equipment.

A petition in support of the plans to provide a single base is being collected and outline proposals now lodged with Walsall Council. The matter will be considered by the planning committee or officers under delegated powers.

The site is in the green belt although it is hoped restoring land previously used for leisure facilities will class as special circumstances to grant approval.

Up to £70,000 has already been raised towards the project and grant applications to cover the rest of the costs of the scheme are being submitted.

Problem under arch

POLICE are carrying out high visibility patrols in Willenhall in a bid to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Youths have been congregating under an archway in Astoria Close while drinking alcohol, smoking cannabis and littering, according to police.

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A FORMER ballroom dancing teacher has celebrated her milestone 100th birthday - as one of her fellow care home residents is getting ready for her 102nd birthday.

Elizabeth Cadman from Darlston enjoyed a party with family and friends at The Bush Rest Home, in Bush Street, Darlston, to mark reaching a century last Friday.

Grandchildren

Known as May, the great-great grandmother of eight was born and bred in Darlston. She was married to William and has three daughters June, aged 79, Wyn, 69, and Jennifer, 62, and also has 19 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Resident Connie Southern, from Birmingham, moved to The Bush this year and is due to turn 102 on March



Elizabeth Cadman, right, known as May, celebrates her 100th birthday with care home manager Donna Cook

New academy opens as school opts out of council control

A WALSALL secondary school was due to officially open as an academy yesterday (Wednesday).

Joseph Leckie Community Technology College, in Walstead Road West, Delves, has become Joseph Leckie Academy.

It is the latest in a string of schools to opt out of local authority control to manage its own affairs and finances.

Stephen Joyes MBE, the owner of Hoar Cross Hall in Staffordshire, will be at the opening ceremony.

The self-made millionaire was born in Hart Street in the Caldmore area, where

many of the pupils live. Mr Joyes will present a cheque on behalf of the academy to the school's adopted charity Acorns Children's Hospice, which is based in nearby Walstead Road.

Over the years, Joseph Leckie students have raised more than £5,000 for the hospice and will continue to help.

It is predicted that by the end of this year, all but six of Walsall's 19 secondary schools will have become academies.

Alumwell Business and Enterprise College in Walsall is currently in consultation over plans to become an E-ACT academy.

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Too few skilled workers for expanding business

Dodgy dress choice



Walsall Wood JMI pupils Jack Griffiths, aged six, Maddison Norton, eight and Evie Thompson, five, donned their doggiest clothes for a fundraising event

THERE was a new uniform code at a Walsall Wood school as children were urged to dress "dodgy" for charity.

Wacky colourful clothing and even sleepwear were the order of the day as pupils at Walsall Wood JMI school raised cash for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Pupils each donated £1 to sponsor a puppy through the charity. Alan Stone and his hearing dog Oakley dropped in to the Brownhills Road school to talk to pupils about the role guide dogs play. A prize went to the pupil wearing the doggiest outfit.

TWELVE jobs will be created at a historic Aldridge firm as business booms, but it is struggling to find enough skilled staff.

J L Float is set to increase its workforce from 52 to 65 in the coming weeks, an increase of 20 per cent.

Bosses at the firm in Westgate say they are bucking the trend in the midst of a recession. The firm, originally set up as a family business in 1926, supplies metal components to the automotive, rail and agricultural industries, as well as for white goods and building services.

But bosses say they are struggling to find workers with the level of experience needed.

Managing director Malcolm Hallowell said: "At the moment we are on the verge of going to a double shift, which means an extra eight to 10 heads in production."

Toolmaker

"There is still a lot of demand for the work we do. We are looking at having a couple of apprenticeships as well as an experienced toolmaker."

He added that the firm had been trying to employ another toolmaker for months but without success, and put it down to a lack of skills in the Black Country and across the UK.

He said: "We are finding getting hold of skilled people is getting harder and harder. With production posts you can teach people very quickly, it's the skilled people who are harder to get."

He said the firm had been advertising for four months and had only had three applications. "The skills aren't there at the moment. Schools no longer teach metalwork and woodwork like they did when I was at school. People are more interested in sitting at a computer screen than getting their hands dirty. A lot of business is going to Japan and China, but it's not stopped us growing as a business. My opinion is the Government needs to do something drastic."

More female worshippers

MEMBERS of a Walsall mosque committee have welcomed the granting of planning permission to extend their first floor.

Usman Mosque's extension will provide a purpose-built prayer hall for women.

Female users currently pray in a screened area in the ground floor community room at the premises in Mount Street, Caldmore.

Matloob Hussain, Chairman of Union of Muslim Organisation, said: "The extension was very much needed by the community to meet religious needs of a growing number of female worshippers."

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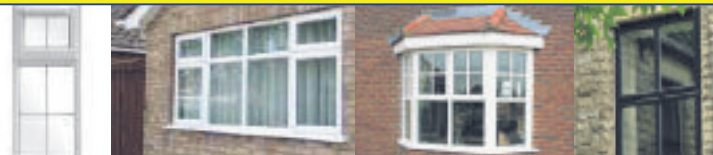
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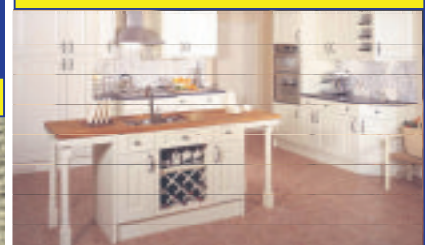
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Legion in call to arms for help at the new branch

MEMBERS of the first branch of the Royal British Legion to be created in the UK in a decade have called for local people of all ages to get involved.

Chairwoman Karen Clift has been the driving force behind the Pelsall group. She has been organising the village's Poppy Appeal for the last five years alongside Alison Vaughan and says there is a real strength of feeling for the troops in Pelsall.

The Poppy Appeal has been going from strength to strength, raking in more than £2,000 last year. It prompted the idea of setting up a branch of the Royal British Legion, an idea which took almost a year to become a reality.

Now members are setting out to raise £800 for a branch standard and are selling gnomes and holding fundraising events in their quest. They want more people especially families and youngsters to be involved.

"We are the first new branch in South Staffordshire for more than a decade and the first one nationally in 15 years," said Mrs Clift, whose husband Gordon served in the Royal Artillery. "But some people still see the Legion as an old man's club. It's not, it's just for anyone who supports the troops."

Around 10 people attended the first branch meeting. A committee has been set up. The next meeting of the branch will be held at Pelsall Labour Club in Church Street at 7.30pm on April 5.



Royal British Legion Pelsall Chairman Karen Clift with vice chairman Alison Vaughan, secretary Carol Gower and, top, Patrick Lavatt, treasurer Keith Ridley, and John Cartridge at the first meeting of RBL Pelsall

Students form a credit union on college campus

STUDENTS at Walsall College launched a credit union branch on their campus as part of Money Skills Week.

Principal and chief executive of the Wismore Campus college Jatinder Sharma was the first to open an account at the Walsall Credit Union branch. He said: "This pioneering project aims to encourage our students

to save in the most accessible way possible. The College Credit Union will offer both students and staff impartial advice on saving and any financial concerns they may have."

The branch offers savings accounts for students and staff. The scheme has been backed by the National Skills Academy, which provided the college,

off Littleton Street West, with a £500 grant for the project.

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Public can have say on health move

A SERIES of public meetings are being held over plans for Walsall health trust to gain freedom from Government control.

The first event takes place at Blakenall Village Centre on Thursday, March 22, from 3 to 6pm. Others are planned for The Crossing at St Paul's, Walsall, on April 23 between 3pm and 6pm and then at Aldridge Masonic Hall on April 25. The final one will be at The Public, West Bromwich, on May 9.

Also available at each of the meetings will be free health checks and advice.

Chief executive Richard Kirby said: "We are very excited about our proposals for becoming a foundation trust and would like to encourage everyone with an interest in our services to have their say during the consultation period. People can give us their views at our public meetings, by phone, email, post, or online, until May 14."

For more details visit the website www.walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk or email to foundation.trust@walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk

Torches and toads

A TORCHLIGHT toad walk is taking place on March 28 from 7.30pm at Mill Lane nature reserve in Walsall. Call (01922) 459813 to book a place.

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Characters come to life



Teachers Natalie Brereton (left) and Rosie Ayres (right), aka Miss Havisham and The Ice Queen, dress up for World Book Day at Sheffield alongside Year 7 pupils, back from left, Josh Blewitt and Brandon Hodson and front, from left, Morgan Blewitt and Sophie Ranford

TEACHERS in Walsall became the entertainment for the day when they donned fancy dress as part of World Book Day. Sheffield Community Academy's English department turned into a who's who of great literary characters as staff tried to encourage pupils to become more interested in reading.

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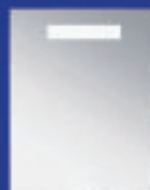
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Nataasha Meredith from the nursery, her five-year-old cousin Kiahna Taylor-Brummell and Don Goodman

FORMER Saddlers star Don Goodman visited an event at Walsall College's Little Professor's Nursery to round off a week of fundraising with a raffle and fancy dress day.

Sixty balloons were released to mark the event. A prize will be given to the child whose balloon travels furthest. All the proceeds from the week will be donated to the Children's Heart Appeal at Birmingham Children's Hospital. Don, who also played for Wolves and Albion, said: "I think this is a great way of raising money for charity."

Nursery officer Nataasha Meredith said her five-year-old cousin Kiahna was diagnosed with heart problems when a few weeks old, so she is passionate about the cause.

WALSALL Council is on track to complete all appeals against a controversial wage shake-up before the deadline.

So far, a total of 765 appeals have been lodged against the changes, which will see around a fifth of the workforce taking a pay cut.

The appeal process got under way at the end of February.

A recent report to councilors said: "Good progress is being made and it is anticipated that the council will complete all of the appeals within the time limit of October 31, 2012."

Checked

But it was revealed last week that the number of appeals could rise after 140 posts were pulled from the process to be re-evaluated.

The positions were being checked following the advice of an independent quality checking process.

Council leader Mike Bird said: "A number of posts were identified that needed to be re-checked and to this end they were removed from the process. We are now in the process of releasing grading results to staff."

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Drug dealer cleared of killing may be deported

ONE of the five men cleared of the killing of Black Country drug dealer Kevin Nunes will be deported to Jamaica when he is released from prison, it has emerged.

But before being turfed out of the country, Adam Joof may seek a compensation claim for being convicted of a murder he has now been acquitted of.

The 28-year-old's conviction was quashed alongside that of four of his co-defendants following a catalogue of failings by Staffordshire Police.

Despite the acquittal, Joof, of Derwent Close, Willenhall, was returned to custody to serve the remainder of a 12-year jail term handed to him in 2006 for drugs offences.

He ran a large-scale drugs network, trafficking cocaine and heroin between the Midlands and Aberdeen in an operation which netted £40,000-a-week.

Joof, who was one of 13 people who were convicted over the huge crime syndicate, is expected to be released from that sentence in the coming months.

But the Home Office has confirmed that it intends to deport him back to Jamaica when he is due for release.

His barrister, Michael Turner QC, said that an application for compensation was "possible".

Footballer

Amateur footballer Kevin Nunes was found dead in a country lane near Pattingham in 2002 after being shot five times. Levi Walker, of no fixed address, Antonio Christie, of Devey Drive, Great Bridge, Michael Osbourne, of Hobgate Road, Heath Town, were jailed for killing Mr Nunes along with Joof and Owen Crooks, of Wolverhampton.

The alleged gangsters, jailed for a total of 135 years for the shooting, were cleared on Thursday following the revelation of a damning report into the murder probe during a Court of Appeal hearing in London.

The men launched a collective appeal, and questions about the safety of the convictions were raised when police from Derbyshire and Leicestershire carried out an investigation into the murder inquiry.

Just for mamma mia



Jordan Fielding and Jacqueline Murphy get ready for Mothering Sunday lunch at Sofia's in Walsall

AN ITALIAN restaurant in Walsall will be raising money for Breast Cancer Care with a special Mothering Sunday meal deal on Sunday.

Sofia's restaurant in the Guildhall, High Street, is hosting a three course meal priced £19.95 with three course children's meal at £7.95 with part of the proceeds being donated to the charity.

Sofia's manager Giorgio Belluci said: "Mothering Sunday is a wonderful occasion as it offers people the opportunity to show how special their mother really is."

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The Church of Christ the King in Lichfield Road, Rushall, marked the milestone last week with a display of photos and a visit from the Walsall Harmonic Male Voice Choir. The Anglican place of worship originally cost £400 to build, and was dedicated in 1887.

Rushall-born Michael Blakemore, who is chairman of the development committee at the church and has been a member of the congregation for more than 60 years, said: "It was built as a temporary building, so it has lasted pretty well."

"It was a mission church built for the coal miners."

Standing in the centre of Rushall, it was originally constructed from corrugated iron panels, the sheeting replaced 30 years ago. It is referred to fondly by locals as the "tin tabernacle".

Improvements

He said due to improvements costing thousands of pounds raised by the congregation over the last 30 years, the building is actually in a better state of repair than it was four decades ago. The organ is estimated to be about 25 years older than the church, and therefore assumed to be second-hand.

Mr Blakemore, whose daughter Charlotte Birch, 27, is one of the church organists, added: "I have been coming here since I was four, and I was a church warden for 20 years. For a 125-year-old building it's in pretty good condition, we are still going."



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Transformed school opens

PARENTS and guests gathered at Birchills Church of England Community Primary School to celebrate the official re-opening after a £5.2 million refurbishment funded with Walsall Council.

Guests at the grand opening included The Right Reverend Jonathan Gledhill, Bishop of Lichfield; Dr Salim Khan, President of Birchills Mosque; and Councillor Garry Perry, Mayor of Walsall.

As a result of the scheme, the school's infant children are enjoying newly refurbished accommodation and the juniors are housed in a brand new building.

Suite

In addition to their new classrooms, the children have access to a new learning hub incorporating an ICT suite and library, a food technology room and many other carefully designed flexible learning spaces.

Chairman of governors, Mrs. Valerie Johnston said: "My family has been connected with this very special school for more than a century. My mother first attended what was then St. Andrew's C.E. School in 1907. The school has been housed in a number of buildings since then.

"We are all delighted with the new building which provides a superb environment for our children to learn and gain the skills they need to lead happy and successful lives.

Head teacher, Mr Anthony Orlik, said: "Children are at the centre of everything we do at Birchills. The new buildings have really enhanced our provision and they are enabling us to provide our children with the highest quality of education."



A balloon launch was held at Birchills C of E Community Primary School to celebrate its revamp. Pictured are Mayor of Walsall Garry Perry, Bishop of Lichfield Rt Rev Jonathan Gledhill, Dr Salim Khan from Birchills Mosque, head teacher Anthony Orlik and pupils

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Protest group against hostel plan is launched

Reflecting on success



Student Aaron Watkinson has won a place at a top dance school

A TALENTED dancer is jumping for joy after being awarded a place at a top dance school.

Walsall College student Aaron Watkinson will study for a degree at the Northern School of Contemporary Dance in Leeds. The 17-year-old, from Bloxwich, was thrilled when he received a letter from his first choice of higher education.

"I couldn't believe it when I first

read the letter and had to read it a few times before I realised I had been given a place," he said. "It is a dream come true and I'm really looking forward to the experience."

"The dance tutors at Walsall College helped me to prepare for my audition and throughout the course they have given me a lot of support and inspired me to think about a future career in dance."

CAMPAIGNERS against a probation hostel have vowed to "fight to the end", as an official protest group was launched.

Moxley and Darlaston Against The Bail Hostel has been founded by residents and councillors in the area who are concerned over proposals for a bail hostel at the former Moxley Infants School site in Moxley Road.

More than 3,500 people have signed a petition opposing the plan, which they fear will bring convicted criminals to their area. Councillor Paul Bott said: "The fear of crime in the area is unbelievable."

"We were promised housing on this site by Walsall Council and we will fight to the end until we get a proper housing development there."

More than 200 people took part in a public protest on the streets of Moxley last month to voice their concerns.

Demonstrated

Banner-wielding campaigners demonstrated outside Moxley People Centre ahead of a meeting between probation chiefs and Moxley Regeneration Project Reference Group. Residents blocked entrances forcing the meeting to be called off.

Council chiefs have pledged that the site will be openly marketed and any application by the Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation Trust would be subject to normal planning procedures.

SWM Probation Trust said the proposed hostel - known as 'approved premises' - would have room for up to 40 offenders. It also reiterated there will be consultation.

Under the plans, smaller bail hostels are set to close. This is likely to include Stonnall Road Bail Hostel in Aldridge.

Valley view walk

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Seeking Clayhanger memories

I NEVER realised, when I wrote my first book *The Clayhanger Kid*, the impact it would have on many readers. To me Clayhanger was always a wonderful place for children to grow up, despite the few photographs taken in my day showing a grim and flooded landscape dominated by pit mounds and a refuse tip.

To me and the rest of my peers the reality was very different, with an abundance of positive features. Our own school, church, chapel, farm, three shops, pub, thriving workmen's club and our own bobby, with the icing on the cake being one of the best parks in the area.

Our three streets were surrounded by a large triangle of railways plus a canal on two sides. Each street was backed by acres of fields, both farmed, open wetland or common.

It was only through talking to readers of my book, that I began to sense the depth of feeling for the old place and the reverence it still held in their hearts. Someone told me that, given the chance, they would choose to be buried there because they would be back home. No one derides it, only related fond memories, and all agreed that it was a unique and special place.

I knew then I had to do a sequel, still about Clayhanger but this time not all

about me, but through the eyes of others. I could even cover teenage years and spread farther afield as long as we didn't stray too far and kept to those times.

So now I would appreciate your help in gathering material for a new book. If you lived in Clayhanger or Brownhills, went to Ogley Hay Juniors, Brownhills Central or the Girls School, or you have any tales to tell of the '40s no matter how insignificant you think they may be, give me a ring on 01543 821539 and we can have a chat. It may be funny, sad, or even a bit of history, and if you want to remain anonymous that's ok by me.

BRIAN STRINGER

Historian in plea for help over electrical business

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Closure

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Motorists are forced to use the bus lane

YOU had an article about a plan to use cameras to catch drivers misusing bus lanes.

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Unless the road layout is changed - and the only way to do this would be to unreasonably stop residential parking on the Bloxwich bound side - it would be unreasonable to catch drivers using the bus lane during the enforcement hours, when they have no choice.

ANDREW SHEPHERD
Birmingham Road, Aldridge

Necessity is the mother of invention

AT the meeting that passed the budget for Walsall 2012/13, the Labour opposition party stated that it contained £70m of cuts. Without attaching blame for the necessity for the cuts it shows that the efforts of the Conservative administration, together with the officers and workforce of Walsall Council, have achieved what was once seen as impossible. When one considers that £1m is roughly the equivalent of one percent of council tax the results with no increase in the council tax, very few compulsory redundancies and little disruption to front line services are remarkable.

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Speaker's memories are relived

ALDRIDGE TOWNSWOMEN

MARGARET Key welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting.

A clipboard was passed round collecting signatures for the 'Hear my Voice' campaign. New members are invited on to the committee for the next 12 months.

Speaker was Welsh-born Wyn Price with "Thanks for the Memories". Wyn's memories started when he was emptying his loft and came across an old hat box which contained a beautiful black top hat, possibly around 150-years-old and belonging to his great grandfather.

Another box revealed a gas mask, ration book and Identity Card which bought back memories of Wyn's schooldays where they had wrought iron desks with lift-up seats and inkwells.

Wyn came from a family of teachers and after completing his National Service with the Royal Navy he qualified as a teacher. He was offered a post in West Bromwich and an adventure of a lifetime began.

Wyn retired after 21 years and now enjoys an active life with fitness and singing.

The group's trip to The Cannock Organ Club is sold out but summer trips to Hereford, the Cotswolds and the Black Country Museum are going well.

The next meeting is at Aldridge Community Centre at 2pm on March 26.

CLUB NEWS

Fundraising race night is a winner



Sue Myatt and Lion President Doug Smith with a cheque for St Giles Hospice

FEBRUARY was a great month for Cannock Lions, which began with a bag pack at Sainsbury's.

The club would like to thank the store and everyone that donated. On the same day the club held a fantastic race night at the Constitutional Club in Heath Hayes.

It was immediately a sell-

CANNOCK LIONS

out and the total raised from the two events was more than £1,00.

Donations were made to Purple Teardrop, a Cannock Soroptimists project and to Sue Myatt who had her head shaved to raise funds for St

Giles Hospice. Helping a Newlife jewellery sale made another £818 for them.

February was also the month of the District Music competition in Oswestry and Jonathon Ellse from Chase Academy School took part playing the cello.

For more on the club, see its Facebook page or website or call 0845 8334967.

A fun time at daisy drive

HAWNE 'E' TOWNSWOMEN

THE chairman welcomed 42 members to the February meeting.

As this evening was a daisy drive, tables of four were arranged.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed and there were no matters arising.

Thank you letters were received from several members for the excellent

Christmas party. The report from the federation was about several forthcoming events.

Nine tickets were ordered for the AGM, Birmingham in June

The daisy drive was

arranged by Joyce Graves and it was a fun evening. It helped the members to mix as the highest score moved onto the next table.

A cup of tea was enjoyed, the sales table and book stall were stocked and the raffle was drawn.

The next meeting is the AGM on March 19 when a cheque will be given to a representative from Macular Degeneration.

Norovirus - please read



Important information on how to stop the spread of winter bugs in our community.

Before you visit your friend or relative in a hospital or care home setting please make sure you have done everything to prevent the spread of germs.

If you think you have a winter bug please:

- Stay at home until you have had two days without symptoms (feeling sick, being sick and/or diarrhoea)
- Wash your hands after using the toilet
- Keep your house clean especially the toilet, flush handles, taps and door handles - these can be cleaned with a bleach based product
- Don't prepare food for other people

If you have symptoms you can normally manage the symptoms yourself

- The symptoms usually last 1-2 days
- Keep drinking fluids - rehydration powder/drinks can be obtained from the pharmacist (ask a friend to get them for you)
- Antibiotics will not help
- If symptoms are severe speak to your pharmacist, NHS Direct or GP by phone for advice on managing your symptoms

Avoid catching germs by washing your hands with warm running water and soap or liquid soap before eating and after going to the toilet.

Please see guidance on how to wash your hands well.

Handwashing Technique

Wash hands using the following eight steps.

1.

Wet hands under running water. Take a measure of soap.



2.

Work into hands, palm to palm.



3.

Right hand over back of left and vice versa.



4.

Rub palm to palm, fingers interlaced.



5.

Back of left fingers to right palms. Fingers interlocked and vice versa.



6.

Rotational rubbing of right thumb clasped in left hand and vice versa.



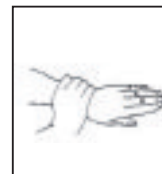
7.

Rub left palm with clasped fingers of right hand and vice versa.



8.

Left wrist with right hand and vice versa.



Rinse hands under running water and dry thoroughly

Handwashing is the most important way to stop the spread of germs

How older drivers are geared up for the road

Think you're an experienced driver? Think again. **BEN BENTLEY** talks to motorists who have clocked up more than 50 years on the road

"I'LL BE about an hour," says 87-year-old 'queen of the road' **Claire Meredith**, zipping off in her little Honda Civic. "I've got to run somebody to the shops."

An hour later and the soon-to-be great-great-grandmother is back home from the first motoring errand of the day, with a few extra yards on the mileometer of driving experience.

Mrs Meredith, a former Walsall pub landlady, is one of a million – because that, for the first time, is the number of drivers aged 80 and over now on Britain's roads, according to new DVLA figures.

In the West Midlands alone there are 35,003 octogenari-

ans on the highway. In fact the number of older drivers will continue to rise as the Office of National Statistics predicts that there will be 8.7million people over the age of 75 by 2033.

But contrary to common assumptions, drivers in their 80s are not dangerous. The DVLA figures show they are much safer than their more youthful counterparts.

The rate of deaths and serious injuries in crashes among drivers over 80 is three times less than the rate for those aged 17-19. In 2010 almost one young driver aged 17-19 was killed or seriously injured per thousand licence holders.

Signals

So who makes the best drivers? Mrs Meredith passed her driving test, first time, in 1953 in an Austin A30. "There were no tick-tick indicators then, we had to do hand signals," she says, waving her outstretched right hand round in little circles to indicate her intention to hang a left. It was 11 lessons for £10, including the cost of your test."

The open road has been hers ever since and she believes that experience makes older motorists better drivers.

"I try to be careful but I don't worry what I am doing – if I can't drive by now there's no point in worrying about it! You haven't got to worry about how many cars are trailing back behind you or in front of you."

In almost 50 years of driving Mrs Meredith has only ever had one prang, about 10 years ago after another motorist failed to indicate when turning. As a result she chose to attend a one-to-one driving course rather than have her otherwise spotless licence darkened with a few points. Her little Civic gives her a sense of independence. "I cannot walk very far, but it's the difference between being able to live a normal life or having to be shut in the house," she says.

Although she has done all of 35,000 miles in the last 12 years, she has driven extensively through Europe. Around 12 years ago she went on a road trip to Alicante with a friend. "It is so easy," she says.

Former police superintendent Mike Collins, 80, from Merry Hill, Wolverhampton, is still working as an advanced driving instructor, and his former pupils have included comedian Ernie Wise and rally driver Paddy Hopkirk.

He says: "Having passed the test in 1948, I was let loose on the roads around Wolverhampton and Shropshire at 17, but it was not until I had the privilege of two police advanced driving courses, in 1954 and 1956, that I found out just how little I really knew."

In my view, today's new drivers, having been turned loose after a not very demanding test, are being thrown into an end much deeper than we were in 1948."



Former Walsall pub landlady **Claire Meredith** is one of a million drivers aged over 80 on our roads today

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Gold Medal award given to Webbs estates in 1914



Harvest festival display, location unknown, photo taken by Stretton Studios, High Street, Dudley

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	BEANS	10 cwt	For home use
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1940s garden catalogue Government crop rotation advice during the war – wartime allotment plan

When times are tough it's best to get dug in

WHEN the going gets tough it seems the tough get growing as a resurgence of enthusiasm for the self-sufficiency of the wartime years sweeps across the country.

Rising food prices has whetted the appetite for all things 'grow your own'. A survey by the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners revealed 86,787 people were on allotment waiting lists last year.

Even 10 Downing Street and The White House have 'dug in' with the cultivation of vegetable gardens.

The trend for 'grow your own' has its roots firmly established in the 1900s. The 1914 Defence of the Realm Act gave the government wide ranging powers including the one to requisition land for the war effort.

Dig for Victory was the propaganda message on the Home Front



Fiona Carding of the Black Country Living Museum looks back to when wartime shortages meant it was time to grow your own food

during the Second World War and everyone was encouraged to develop green fingers for the war effort.

There was food rationing and the Ministry of Food issued advice about growing your own produce and eating healthily.

Small gardens, large gardens, sports grounds and parks were transformed into vegetable patches and by 1943 over a million tons of vegetables were being produced.

Clare Weston, curator of domestic and cultural life at the museum,

said: "The museum's Toll House, originally situated on Sedgley Road in Woodseton, is a typical example of the self-sufficiency of the times."

"During the early 1900s the Hodgkiss family who lived there supplemented their income with additional food from the garden."

"Runner beans, cabbage, peas, redcurrants, blackcurrants and gooseberries were all grown."

"Potatoes and apples, once harvested, were stored in boxes underneath the bed to preserve them until they were needed."

"Surplus rhubarb was offered for sale, alongside bundles of firewood at 6d per bundle and herbs were grown for cooking and remedies."

Tastes may have changed over the last century with today's gardeners partial to a crop of mangetout rather than runner beans but the satisfaction of growing your own food remains the same.



Webbs' gold medal exhibition of vegetables in Birmingham 1938



A 1940s garden catalogue shows how to lift potatoes



A woman and child in a garden in Flavell Lane, Lower Gornal



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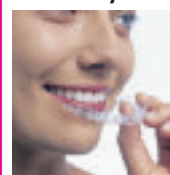
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HOW GOD MADE THE ENGLISH

BBC2, 8pm

Despite the overly jingoistic title of this new, three-part documentary, it's actually a rather serious series that aims to explore what it means to be English, and what has shaped English identity. And while that may leave our Scottish, Irish and Welsh cousins feeling a tad left out, it may offer them a unique opportunity to find out what makes the English tick – and from that, a way of measuring how similar or different the home nations are. What's also interesting is that the programme is by no means a celebratory pat on the back for the English everywhere – in fact, in some cases, it's quite the opposite.

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen. Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **2.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **4.45** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. England v Ireland (Kick-off 5.00pm).

6.55 BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

7.10 Let's Dance for Sport Relief. The final of the charity dance contest, with a line-up including Miles Jupp, Laurie and Tamika, and Eddie 'the Eagle' Edwards, and Omid Djalili. Last in the series.

8.45 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton presents the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to win £100,000. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws, presented by Jenni Falconer.

9.35 Casualty. Part three of three. Stevie is convinced Anton was responsible for Jade's rape, despite his protestations of innocence, and the violent gang conflict comes to a climax in the ED.

10.25 BBC News: Weather. **10.45** Match of the Day. Including highlights of Fulham v Swansea City; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.00 Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.00** Formula 1: Australian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. **2.15** Film: Cromwell. (1970) Historical drama, starring Richard Harris and Alec Guinness. **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Flog It!

6.30 Dad's Army.

Walmington-on-Sea's finest accidentally fire all their ammunition at a passing aircraft, to Captain Mainwaring's mortification. (R)

7.00 The Story of Light Entertainment. Stephen Fry charts the rise in profile of comedians, from their humble beginnings as low-ranking variety performers to the high-earning superstars of today. (R)

8.00 How God Made the English. New series. Diarmaid MacCulloch explores what it means to be English, beginning with the notion that the English think themselves better than others.

9.00 Have I Got News for You. Satirical quiz. (R)

9.30 Arena: The Dreams of William Golding. Profile of the Lord of the Flies writer, as told through his diaries, and the dreams he recorded that reveal his private obsessions and insecurities.

11.00 FILM: Lord of the Flies. (1963) Drama, starring James Aubrey and Tom Chaplin.

12.30 The Sarah Millican Television Programme. (R) **1.00** Film: Besieged. (1998) Drama, with Thandie Newton. **2.30** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** This Morning: Saturday. **12.20** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** Live FA Cup Football. Everton v Sunderland (Kick-off 12.45pm). **3.00** Film: Death on the Nile. (1978) Agatha Christie mystery, with Peter Ustinov. **5.35** Regional News: Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 All Star Family Fortunes. Singer Sophie Ellis-Bextor and broadcaster Angela Ripston team up with their relatives in a bid to win a large cash prize for charity.

7.00 New You've Been Framed! Mums' unusual antics.

7.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights.

8.00 Take Me Out. A scuba-diving instructor, a media salesman, a hair consultant and a fish merchant try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates. Paddy McGuinness hosts.

9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Sarah Millican and Sugar Ray Leonard.

10.15 ITV News: Weather. **10.30** FA Cup Highlights. Action from the first two matches in the sixth round.

11.30 The Cube. First-ever edition of the game show. (R)

12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.05** Close. **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Road to London. **2012: Paralympics Extra.** The different varieties of football played at the Games. (R) **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Koko Pop. **9.25** T4: Real Stories: Eminem. (R) **10.25** T4: New Girl. (R) **10.55** T4: Charlie's Angels. **11.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.15** Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Mandip Sehmi – Part Two. (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.25 Come Dine with Me. Paula Skelton hosts the final evening in Bury. (R)

6.55 Channel 4 News. **7.25** 4thought.tv. The concept of saints.

7.30 River Cottage Veg. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall tries living as a vegetarian. (R)

8.30 Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. The importance of honour and reputation in traveller communities, featuring Priscilla, who ran away with a boy at the age of 16. (R)

9.30 The Celebrity Bank Job. Famous faces compete in the game show. Last in the series.

10.30 FILM: Copycat. (1995) Thriller, starring Sigourney Weaver.

12.55 Film: Sex Drive. (2008) Premiere. Comedy, starring Josh Zuckerman. **2.45** No, No, No. (R) **2.50** Film: The Death of Mr. Lazarescu. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Ioan Fiscuteanu. **5.25** Reaper. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** Emergency Bikers. (R) **11.20** Film: The Green Berets. (1968) Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne. **2.05** Film: Bronco Billy. (1980) Comedy Western, starring Clint Eastwood. **4.20** Film: RV: Runaway Vacation. (2006) Family comedy, starring Robin Williams.

6.20 5 News Weekend. **6.25** NCIS. Gibbs is forced to work with Trent Kort. (R)

7.15 NCIS. An army scientist goes missing, so Abby is asked to temporarily replace him on a top-secret research project – but Gibbs later learns her life could be in danger. (R)

8.05 NCIS. Abby becomes personally involved in the case of a murdered naval scientist and makes a breakthrough when she decodes some of the markings covering the body. (R)

9.00 CSI: NY. Two men are suspected of killing a judge because they received harsh sentences for minor offences, while Lindsay tries to convict the alleged serial rapist who eluded Danville.

10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Salva from a tiger is discovered on a murdered model.

10.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) **11.50** Inside Hollywood.

12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Scientists. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **2.45** American Idol. **5.40** Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **7.25** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003). Comedy, starring Jerry O'Connell and Anthony Anderson. **9.15** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **11.15** Film: Rumor Has It (2005). Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Aniston and Kevin Costner.

ITV3 **2.55** Lewis **11.00** Those Who Kill

ITV4 **1.30** Film: Rio Bravo (1959) **4.20** Film: Red River (1948) **7.00** Whisker Wars **8.00** The Sweeney **9.00** Film: Coogan's Bluff (1968). Crime drama, with Clint Eastwood. **11.00** Film: Casino (1995). Thriller, starring Robert De Niro.

BBC THREE **7.00** Doctor Who **8.15** Top Gear **9.15** Film: Confessions of a Shopaholic (2009). Comedy, starring Isla Fisher and Hugh Dancy. **10.55** Film: Storyville: Knuckle – Bare Fist Fighting (2011). Thriller, starring Robert De Niro.

BBC FOUR **7.00** Lost Cities of the Ancients **8.00** Monty Don's Italian Gardens **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.35** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.10** Film: Storyville: Knuckle – Bare Fist Fighting (2011). Documentary about bare-knuckle boxing.

E4 **1.30** Hollyoaks **4.05** Perfect Couples **4.35** Scrubs **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: Hitman (2007). Action thriller, starring Timothy Olyphant and Dougray Scott. **10.50** The Big Bang Theory **11.50** The Cleveland Show

FILM4 **3.05** Toys (1992) **5.25** Hocus Pocus (1993) **7.20** Hot Shots! Part Deux (1993). Spoof action movie sequel, starring Charlie Sheen. **9.00** Dorian Gray (2009). Period horror, starring Ben Barnes. **11.10** Battle Royale (2000)

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ANTIQUES ROADSHOW BBC1, 8pm

It can be difficult to distinguish between a repeat and a new episode of Antiques Roadshow as all the main attractions are always on the ancient side and the format of the show hasn't changed for decades. Some of the antique experts clearly spend their free time in suspended animation because they don't appear to have aged very much in the past 20 years. From the gorgeous locations to the jaunty theme music, there's nothing to dislike about this British institution which has become a hit all over the world. Tonight, Fiona Bruce heads to the Yorkshire Museum in York, where items of interest include a spy's camera, a quilt and a paperweight.

6.00 Breakfast. **7.55** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. **1.30** A Question of Sport. (R) **2.00** Formula 1: Australian Grand Prix. **4.00** Regional Programmes. **5.00** Liffeline. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Land Girls. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker, Julia Bradbury and Ellie Harrison explore the New Forest, while John Craven heads to Scotland to investigate deer culling.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team head to the Yorkshire Museum in York, where items of interest include a spy's camera, a quilt and a paperweight.

9.00 Upstairs Downstairs. Mr Pritchard finds romance at the annual servants' ball, prompting him to wonder if there is more to life than service, while Hallam and Persie continue their dangerous affair.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 FILM: War of the Worlds. (2005) Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning and Justin Chatwin.

12.10 Weatherview. **12.15** Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkelman. (R) **12.55** David Walliams' Big Swim: A Sport Relief Special. (R) **1.55** Holby City. (R) **2.55** The Last Explorers. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.30** EastEnders. **2.20** Film: The Taming of the Shrew. (1967) Shakespeare comedy, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. **4.20** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.20** Flog It!

6.20 FILM: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. (2005) An ordinary man is hurled into an intergalactic adventure when the Earth is destroyed to make way for a hyperspace bypass. Sci-fi comedy, with Martin Freeman.

8.00 Top Gear. Compilation episode featuring highlights from the show's 17th and 18th series, in which Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May got up to more motoring mischief.

9.00 Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey. Kate Humble and Helen Czerski follow the earth's journey around the sun from the March equinox to the end of June. Last in the series.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Wolverhampton Wanderers v Manchester United.

11.00 Formula 1: Australian Grand Prix. Jake Humphrey introduces action from the opening race of the season at Albert Park, Melbourne, where Sebastian Vettel was successful last year. (R)

1.00 Rugby Union: Six Nations Highlights. **1.45** BBC News.

6.00 CITV: Mini City. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** FA Cup Highlights. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.40** Film: Columbo: Murder in Malibu. (1990) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.30** Live FA Cup Football. Liverpool v Stoke City (Kick-off 4.00pm).

6.15 Regional News; Weather.

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Planet's Funniest Animals. Humorous clips. (R)

7.00 Dancing on Ice. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley host the semi-final, where the remaining four celebrities battle it out for a place in next week's final. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.

8.30 Live Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Mother's Day Special. Chris Tarrant celebrates Mother's Day by inviting the celebrities to team up with their mums for charity, with half of the night's winnings going to one lucky viewer.

9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The lowest-scoring couples compete.

10.00 ITV News; Weather. **10.15** Cops with Cameras. Following officers across the UK. (R)

11.15 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. The final at Sixways in Worcester. **12.10** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** River Monsters. (R) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.30** Channel 4 Presents - 2012: David Smith - Part Two. The boccia player reflects on competing at an elite level. (R) **7.35** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **8.05** Real Stories: Jennifer Lopez. (R) **8.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.55** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.35** The Simpsons. (R) **1.10** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.40** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.10** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.40** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.10** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.40** Deal or No Deal. **4.40** Time Team. **5.40** Film: The Simpsons Movie. (2007) Animated comedy, with the voice of Dan Castellaneta.

7.25 Channel 4 News.

7.55 4thought.tv. A member of the public discusses saints.

8.00 The Falklands' Most Darling Raid. The RAF's bombing of Port Stanley's runway in 1982.

9.00 Homeland. Estes wants Brody to help interrogate the lone surviving terrorist from the compound where he was held captive, leading Carrie to grow more suspicious of the marine.

10.05 FILM: How to Lose Friends & Alienate People. (2008) Comedy, starring Simon Pegg and Kirsten Dunst.

12.20 Film: Drillbit Taylor. (2008) Premiere. Comedy, starring Owen Wilson. **2.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.30** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.35** 90210. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **10.55** Stansfeld: The Inside Story. (R) **11.55** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.55** Film: Brave Warrior. (1952) **2.20** Film: Stuart Little 3: Call of the Wild. (2005) Children's animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J. Fox. **3.50** Film: The Tigger Movie. (2000) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Jim Cummings. **5.15** 5 News. **5.20** Film: The Legend of Zorro. (2005) Swashbuckling adventure sequel, starring Antonio Banderas.

7.45 FILM: I, Robot. (2004)

Sci-fi thriller, starring Will Smith.

10.00 FILM: Rambo. (2008) Action sequel, starring Sylvester Stallone.

11.40 Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R)

12.40 The World of Stupid Criminals. **1.10** SuperCasino. **3.50** County Secrets. (R) **4.05** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2
3.00 Britain's Got Talent: Best and Worst 1 **4.00** Britain's Got Talent: Best and Worst 2 **5.00** Film: The NeverEnding Story (1984) **6.55** Film: Flipper (1996) Adventure, starring Elijah Wood. **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) Comedy sequel, starring Sandra Bullock.

ITV3
11.00 Cracker

ITV4
2.20 Film: Red River (1948) **5.00** Film: The Alamo (1960) Western, directed by and starring John Wayne. **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00** Film: The Game (1997) Thriller, starring Michael Douglas. **11.35** Film: A Clockwork Orange (1971) Drama, starring Malcolm McDowell and Warren Clarke.

BBC THREE
7.00 The Secrets of Everything **7.30** Let's Dance for Sport Relief **9.00** Being Human **10.00** Don't Tell the Bride: Mother's Day Special **11.00** Pramface **11.30** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Songwriters' Circle: English Folk **8.00** Songs of Ireland **9.00** Film: Round Ireland with a Fridge (2010) Premiere. Comedy, starring Tony Hawks and Valerie O'Connor. **10.30** Film: The Shore (2011) Oscar-winning short drama, with Ciaran Hinds and Conleth Hill. **11.00** She Wolves: England's Early Queens

E4
4.25 Samantha Who? **4.55** Being Erica **5.55** 90210 **6.55** Film: Sister Act (1992) Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg and Harvey Keitel. **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Skins

FILM4
2.55 Because of Winn-Dixie (2005) **5.00** Memoirs of an Invisible Man (1992) **6.55** Fame (2009) Musical remake, starring Kay Panabaker. **9.00** Nine to Five (1980) Comedy, starring Dolly Parton and Jane Fonda. **11.10** Series 7: The Contenders (2001)

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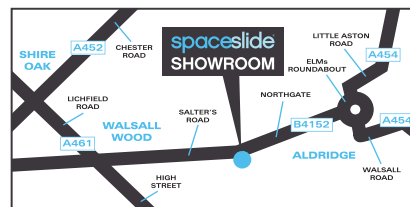
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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 My Life in Books. (R) 1.30 See Hear. 2.00 Lifetime. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! Ten of the Best. 4.30 Breakaway. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Britain's First Photo Album. 7.00 The Hairy Bikers' Bakeathon. (R) 8.00 Natural World: Zambesi. 9.00 White Heat. 10.00 The Sarah Milligan Television Programme. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 The Tube. (R) 12.20 Medium. (R) 1.45 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. Frank's killer makes a dramatic attempt to leave the Street. 9.00 The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. 9.00 The Tube. Part two of two. The detectives face a wall of silence in their murder investigation. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Agency. 11.05 Mayday. 11.35 The Big Bang Theory. 11.55 The Big Bang Theory. Katherine Jenkins. (R) 12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Champions League Weekly. 2.55 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 10.00 The Renovation Game. (R) 11.00 You Deserve This House. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. 12.35 How to Cook Like Heston. (R) 1.10 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.20 Film: Sea of Sand. (1958) Second World War adventure, starring Richard Attenborough. 3.10 Countdown. No Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Four in a Bed. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.v. 8.00 Get Your House in Order. New series. Consumers learn the real value of their cherished possessions. 8.00 Mary's Bottom Line. 10.00 Death Row. 10.55 Random Acts. 11.00 Embarrassing Bodies. (R) 12.05 The Shooting Gallery: Caught on Camera. 1.05 China: Triumph and Turmoil. (R) 2.00 A Film from My Parish. (R) 2.10 Home Country. (R) 2.15 The World's Strangest Plastic Surgery and Me. (R) 3.10 Stagnate. (R) 3.20 Tomorrow. (R) 3.25 The Bible: A History. (R) 4.20 Dover Castle. A Time Team special. (R) 5.20 My Eden. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

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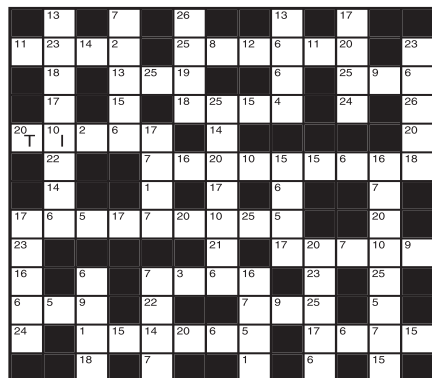
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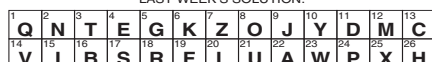
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Cryptic Clues:

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7. Answer the medium hopes to get at a seance? (8,5)
8. Cat's coat in far from smooth condition (8)
9. Five hundred and one over (4)
10. Violent outcome from Recife (6)
12. Dismays when father returns with friends (6)
14. A ship, it's about to help (6)
16. Part of a revolver to develop (6)
18. Help a performer likes to get (4)
20. Arrived at a certain conclusion (4,4)
22. Presumably he hopes his achievements won't always be minor (6,7)

Down

1. Where you might finish if you take flight (8)
2. Provisionally he's a supplier (6)
3. Turn up before it erupts (4)
4. Recommend a lawyer (8)
5. Supported, yet not allowed to proceed (4,2)
6. Left in the cooler, it may be jammed (4)
11. Reckon tea-time's been altered (8)
13. Purchase some clever agencies (8)
15. This club is much patronised by gymnasts (6)
17. Supporting a football team, perhaps, and not in an illegal position (2,4)
19. She's spotted following a band (4)
21. Rush job for a dressmaker (4)

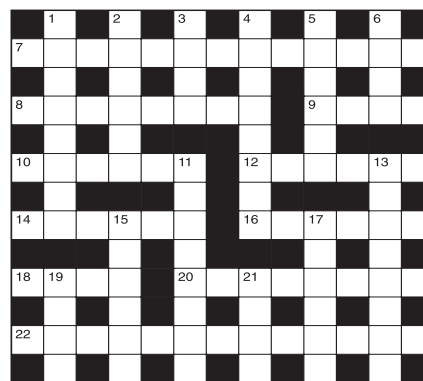
Quick Clues:

Across

7. Nursery tale character (3,6,4)
8. Acknowledged (8)
9. Sell (4)
10. Fondle (6)
12. Scold (6)
14. Lethargy (6)
16. Captivate (6)
18. Popular idol (4)
20. Recall (8)
22. Impartial (13)

Down

1. Inclination (8)
2. Mourn (6)
3. Revise (4)
4. Uneatable (8)
5. Tremble (6)
6. Robe (4)
11. Astound (8)
13. Burlesque (8)
15. Instigate (6)
17. Drive mad (6)
19. Way out (4)
21. Chief (4)



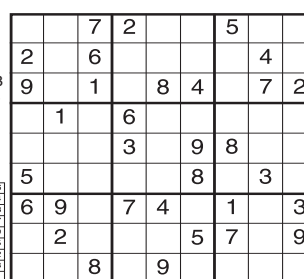
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CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Hike; 8 Calamitous; 9 Senorita; 10 Leer; 12 Reck; 14 Totals; 15 String; 17 Assign; 18 Idea; 19 Manx cats; 21 No thank you; 22 Base. Down: 2 Interested; 3 Echo; 4 Plaint; 5 Impact; 6 Athletics; 7 Tsar; 11 Enlightens; 13 Epitaphs; 16 Gemini; 17 Annoys; 18 Inns; 20 Club. QUICK - Across: 1 Cast; 8 Indulgence; 9 Sidelong; 10 Down; 12 Burden; 14 Treble; 15 Vassal; 17 Dispel; 18 Zero; 19 Quadrant; 21 Uneasiness; 22 Test. Down: 2 Articulate; 3 Tire; 4 Adjoin; 5 Blight; 6 Headless; 7 Mean; 11 Wilderness; 13 Disloyal; 16 Liquid; 17 Diadem; 18 Zeus; 20 Rest.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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NewBuy promises to open the door for both first time buyers and existing homeowners, providing a homebuying solution which requires just a five per cent deposit, and is available to UK citizens buying new-build properties priced up to £500,000 as their main home in England.

It is set to offer a huge boost for West Midlands homebuyers who have a wide selection of quality properties to buy at Bovis Homes' new developments at Nether Hall Park in Great Barr, College Gate in Oldbury and Oxford Place in Walsall.

The Government is due to reveal more details of the scheme soon, following discussions with the major lenders who are set to support the scheme.

"We've had a huge level of interest already from homebuyers with hundreds registering with Bovis Homes and asking to be kept updated about NewBuy," said Kevin Wilkins, Bovis Homes group marketing director. "That level of interest is building as the launch date gets closer and we have already arranged for buyers to meet our sales teams to discuss their housing needs and assess their suitability for NewBuy through an independent mortgage broker."

"There has been a lot of good news for homebuyers recently with the launch of the Government's FirstBuy scheme and our own extension of the stamp duty holiday until June 30," he added.

"NewBuy, with its low-deposit requirement and the fact it's available to existing homeowners as well as first-time buyers promises to make it one of the most significant developments in the housing market for years."

As the market heats up, Kevin is expecting more West Midlands homebuyers to decide that now is the time to move.

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• Three bedroom detached • Gas CH & mostly DG • Porch • Hall
• Lounge/Dining room • Kitchen
• WC • Family bathroom
• Driveway • Double garage • Garden
Offers around £189,950



REDWOOD ROAD, YEW TREE
• Three bed semi • Gas CH & DG
• Lounge/ Dining Room • Modern Kitchen • Upstairs Bathroom
• Good sized garden • Driveway
Offers around £104,950



ROCHESTER CROFT, REEDSWOOD
• Well presented modern two bed semi • Gas CH & DG • Spacious Lounge/Dining Room • Fitted Kitchen • Upstairs Bathroom
• Front and rear gardens • Driveway
Offers around £107,500



HOUGH ROAD, PLECK
• Two bed end town house • Gas CH & DG • Porch • Hall • Lounge/Dining room • Newly fitted kitchen • Utility & WC • Conservatory • Stylish bathroom • Front & rear gardens
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ADDRESS	SATURDAY 17th, 24th March	WEDNESDAY 21st March
3 Old Penkridge Mews, Cannock	10.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.
20 Brunswick Road, Cannock	10.30 a.m.	10.30 a.m.
41 Stafford Road, Huntington	11.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.
206 Bradbury Lane, Hednesford	11.30 a.m.	11.30 a.m.
222 Bradbury Lane, Hednesford	11.45 a.m.	11.45 a.m.
462 Littleworth Road, Hednesford	12.15 p.m.	12.15 p.m.
43 Wimblebury Road, Heath Hayes	1.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m.
199a & 199b Norton East Road, Norton Canes	1.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m.
2 Wesley Avenue, Cheslyn Hay & Land adj.	2.00 p.m.	2.00 p.m.
164 Hawksford Crescent, Wolverhampton	2.45 p.m.	2.45 p.m.

15B & 16 Springhead, Wednesbury	By Appointment
16A, 17, 18 & 19 Springhead, Wednesbury	By courtesy of the tenants in occupation

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LOT 1 **GUIDE PRICE: £40,000-£50,000**
41 STAFFORD ROAD, HUNTINGTON, CANNOCK
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Two bedroomed semi-detached in need of comprehensive renovation comprising sitting room, lobby, living room, kitchen, landing, two bedrooms, bathroom, garden, possible garage space (joint drive access)



LOT 2 **GUIDE PRICE: £60,000-£65,000**
164 HAWKSFORD CRESCENT, WOLVERHAMPTON
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Three bedroom semi-detached house comprising entrance lobby, lounge, kitchen, side entrance lobby, toilet with WC, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, garden, joint drive with adjoining house, gas central heating, double glazing. The vendor is at present seeking a new tenant and it may be sold subject to a tenancy.



LOT 3 **GUIDE PRICE: £95,000-£105,000**
3 OLD PENKRIDGE MEWS, OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK
LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

One bedroom ground floor flat, ideal buy to let comprising communal hall to reception hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom, shower room, gas fired central heating, fully double glazed, allocated parking space, communal grounds.



LOT 4 **GUIDE PRICE: £55,000**
20 BRUNSWICK ROAD, CANNOCK
LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

First floor flat, ideal buy to let comprising entrance lobby with two stores off, landing, lounge, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, gas fired central heating, garden to rear, joint pedestrian access.



LOT 5 **GUIDE PRICE: £150,000**
16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 18 & 19 SPRINGHEAD, WEDNESBURY
FREEHOLD COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT (PART VACANT)

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LOT 6 **GUIDE PRICE: £35,000-£40,000**
206 BRADBURY LANE, HEDNESFORD
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Three bedroom semi-detached house ideal buy to let comprising lounge, re-fitted dining kitchen, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating, fully double glazed, gardens.



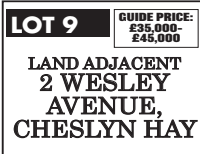
LOT 7 **GUIDE PRICE: £30,000**
223 BRADBURY LANE, HEDNESFORD
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Three bedroom semi-detached house in need of modernisation, ideal buy to let comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating, part double glazed, gardens, off road parking.



LOT 8 **GUIDE PRICE: £80,000-£90,000**
2 WESLEY AVENUE, CHESLYN HAY
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Good sized three bedroom semi-detached house in need of some improvement, ideal buy to let convenient for amenities at Cheslyn Hay village centre comprising entrance hall, through lounge, kitchen, laundry room, store room with WC off, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom, predominantly double glazed, electric heating, space for construction of, off road parking front and rear gardens.



LOT 9 **GUIDE PRICE: £35,000-£45,000**
LAND ADJACENT 2 WESLEY AVENUE, CHESLYN HAY
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Freehold land with benefit of planning permission for the erection of one detached house in popular residential location close to village centre.



LOT 10 **GUIDE PRICE: £75,000-£85,000**
43 WIMBLEBURY ROAD, HEATH HAYES
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Two bedroomed end terraced house in need of some improvement comprising sitting room, living room, kitchen, bathroom, landing, two bedrooms, gas central heating, fully double glazed, gardens, overgrown.



LOT 11 **GUIDE PRICE: £65,000-£75,000**
199A & 199B NORTON EAST ROAD, NORTON CANES
PART VACANT FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT CURRENTLY PRODUCING £3,000 p.a.

Ground and first floor flats first floor flat currently vacant and ready for letting in a good residential area. 199B first floor flat (vacant) comprising ground floor lobby and staircase to landing, one bedroom, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, predominantly double glazed, electric night storage heating. 199B ground floor flat comprising entrance lobby, lounge, bedroom, bathroom, rear entrance lobby, detached garage, large gardens.



LOT 12 **GUIDE PRICE: £130,000-£140,000**
462 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

Detached bungalow in need of renovation occupying plot extending to approx 0.37 acre possibly suitable for redevelopment (subject to planning permission being obtained) comprising entrance lobby, hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining kitchen, walk-in pantry, three double bedrooms, bathroom, rear entrance lobby, detached garage, large gardens.



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PROPERTY AUCTION - 20th MARCH 2012



ST. ANNE'S VICARAGE, ANN STREET, WILLENHALL

Former Vicarage with very spacious accommodation, Grounds & Double Garage Suitable for a variety of uses (subject to Planning Permission)

Guide: £90,000 / £110,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY 16th MARCH @ 11.30 am & SATURDAY 17th MARCH @ 10.30 am
 (Bring your own Torch)



48 MARSHALL ROAD, WILLENHALL
 Approached via long fore garden providing ample off road parking, a spacious Three bed Semi with wide Entrance Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Enclosed Rear Garden and garage space

Guide: £75,000 / \$80,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY 16th & SATURDAY 17th MARCH @ 11.30 a.m.



80 CANTERBURY ROAD, PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON
 Attractive Semi-Detached Residence in popular location block paved drive providing off-road parking
 Hall, Two Reception Rooms (one extended), impressive Breakfast Kitchen
 Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite
 Enclosed Rear Garden

Guide: £145,000 / £150,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY 16th MARCH @ 2.30 pm & SATURDAY 17th MARCH @ 11.00 am



48 CHURCH HILL, PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON
 Desirably situated Detached Residence. Enclosed Porch, Hall, Cloakroom, Through Lounge with Dining Area, Kitchen, Lobby/Utility, Galleried Landing, Three Double Bedrooms, spacious Bathroom Heating to radiators as fitted Garage, enclosed Rear Garden

Guide: £180,000 / £190,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY 16th MARCH @ 1.30 pm & SATURDAY 17th MARCH @ 10.00 am



440 BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON
 Large Three bed Semi with Garage and enclosed rear garden

Guide: £78,000 / \$83,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY 16th & SATURDAY 17th MARCH @ 12.30 pm



91 BUSHBURY LANE, WOLVERHAMPTON
 Attractive Mid Terraced Home in convenient location. Lounge, Inner Hall, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom with white suite. Vehicular access to rear, long rear garden.

Guide: £57,000 / \$63,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY 16th MARCH @ 3.15 pm & SATURDAY 17th MARCH @ 11.45 am



73 MORETON ROAD, BUSHBURY, WOLVERHAMPTON
 Conveniently situated Semi-Detached House. Hall, Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, Three Bedrooms. Pedestrian access to side, Rear Garden and off-road parking to front.

Guide: £65,000 / \$70,000
VIEWING: FRIDAY 16th MARCH @ 4.0 pm & SATURDAY 17th MARCH @ 12.30 pm

BUILDING LAND, 5 & 6 DOVERIDGE PLACE, WALSALL

With Planning Permission for the reconstruction of Two Six Bedroom Town Houses.

Guide: £70,000 / £80,000
VIEWING: BY APPOINTMENT

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KESTREL GROVE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style detached family residence
- Conservatory
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Four bedrooms and en-suite shower
- Two reception rooms
- Internal viewing strongly recommended
- Superb UPVC double glazed

£215,000 OFFERS



ESSINGTON
ROSEWOOD GARDENS

- Splendid modern style extended detached property
- UPVC double glazing
- Three bedrooms (master with fitted wardrobe)
- Refined dining kitchen with selected appliances
- Second dining room/study
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Garage and black paved off road parking
- No chain
- Must be viewed

£174,950



BENTLEY, WALSALL
ATTLEE ROAD

- Pleasant traditional style semi detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- External UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge and kitchen
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Landed rear garden
- Black paved driveway affording ample off road parking

£92,500 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



COUNTY BRIDGE, WILLENHALL
YORK AVENUE

- Extended traditional style bay fronted semi
- Three bedrooms plus useful loft storage space
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Sizeable garage and off road parking
- Rear garden
- Gas central heating system
- Majority double glazed windows

£127,950 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL
BILSTON ROAD

- A stunning double fronted traditional style detached bungalow
- Splendidly appointed accommodation
- Lounge, dining room, bedroom 3
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Well equipped refined breakfast kitchen
- Luxury bathroom with shower
- Garage and ample parking
- Long established rear garden
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory

£269,950 STAMP DUTY PAID BY VENDOR



WILLENHALL
KNIGHTS CLOSE

- Immaculate modern style four bedroom detached residence
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite shower
- Two reception rooms
- Well equipped breakfast kitchen with UPVC double glazed windows
- Utility room and guest cloakroom with wc
- Principal third bathroom
- Garage and off road parking
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

£229,950 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL



TAMEBRIDGE
BETONY CLOSE

- Superb modern style detached residence situated in pleasant cul-de-sac position
- Four bedrooms, master with fitted wardrobe
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Splendid UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- En-suite shower room
- Lowly established rear garden
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

£210,000 OFFERS



WILLENHALL
YALE ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed modern style detached residence
- Four bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- En-suite shower room
- Fitted breakfast kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with shower
- Garage and off road parking
- No upward chain

£229,950 OFFERS



SUMMER HAYES
LUDLOW CLOSE

- Splendidly appointed semi detached bungalow with private drive position
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Stylish refitted kitchen
- Stunning refitted bathroom with P shaped open bath and shower
- Stylish utility and utility area
- Generous plot with lovely adjacent landscaped setting

£179,950 OFFERS



SUMMER HAYES
BURLEIGH CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed versatile semi in popular Summer Hayes location
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Upstairs bathroom with separate shower
- Fitted breakfast kitchen inc oven and hob
- 32ft tandem length garage
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Lovely cul-de-sac location

£156,950 OFFERS



BENTLEY, WALSALL
MONMOUTH ROAD

- Deceptively spacious extended detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen including oven and hob
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Detached garage and carport
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows

£169,500 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



BEECHDALE, WALSALL
LISTER ROAD

- Traditional town house style property
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Kitchen
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gardens to front and rear
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing

£79,950 OFFERS



WALSALL
BENTLEY MILL LANE

- Pleasantly appointed extended traditional style
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Generous rear garden
- Internal viewing
- Recommended

£134,950 STAMP DUTY EXEMPT



COUNTY BRIDGE, WILLENHALL
CORONATION AVENUE

- Pleasantly appointed traditional style bay fronted semi
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Majority UPVC double glazing
- Kitchen with adjacent half study
- Dormer windows
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Garage and black paved driveway

£129,950



BENTLEY
LIME AVENUE

- Three bedrooms semi detached property
- Gas central heating system
- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two reception rooms
- Internal viewing recommended
- Kitchen with side entry, stores and wc
- Pleasant gardens to front and rear
- Internal viewing recommended

£99,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



COPPICE FARM
LOCHALSH GROVE

- Modern style detached family residence
- Four bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen including oven and hob
- Downstairs wc
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Detached garage and carport
- Gas central heating
- Internal viewing recommended

WAS £205,000 NOW £199,950



SHORT HEATH
HUNTS LANE

- Pleasant double fronted detached bungalow
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge and separate dining room
- Bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- Loft room with Velux roof window
- Lovely private established rear garden
- Ample off road parking
- Black paved driveway affording ample parking

WAS £210,000, NOW £195,000 OFFERS



COPPICE FARM
TORRIDON ROAD

- Pleasant modern style two bedroom bungalow
- Delightful cul-de-sac location
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge with patio doors to the rear garden
- Bathroom with shower
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking to the fore

£125,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



NEW INVENTION
BRERETON ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed semi-detached property
- Ideal first time purchase
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Upstairs fitted bathroom with shower
- Gardens to front and rear
- Off road parking

£96,500 OFFERS



ESSINGTON
HOUGH WAY

- Superb modern style detached family residence in cul-de-sac
- Four bedrooms, all with fitted wardrobes
- Master bedroom with en-suite shower
- Garage and detached dining room
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Utility room and guest cloakroom
- Detached garage and ample parking
- Low maintenance black paved and gravelled gardens

WAS £287,500 NOW £274,950



WILLENHALL
RAVENSROFT ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed detached double fronted bungalow
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge and separate dining room
- 22ft fitted breakfast kitchen
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Fully tiled shower room with walk-in shower
- Lovely enclosed rear garden with timber decked patio
- Black paved driveway affording ample parking

£189,950 OFFERS



WILLENHALL
GIPSY LANE

- Conveniently located Victorian style terrace
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Ideal first time purchase or potential investment property
- Utility room and downstairs wc
- No upward chain
- Internal viewing
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking to the fore

£54,950



COPPICE FARM
KINGFISHER GROVE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style detached property
- Delightful location off back from the road
- Three bedrooms, all with wardrobes
- Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
- Two reception rooms
- Refined kitchen with oven, hob, fridge and
- Internal viewing strongly recommended
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Established rear garden with black paved patio
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- Internal viewing strongly recommended

£220,000 OFFERS



SHORT HEATH
CORSICAN CLOSE

- Superb extended detached family residence in cul-de-sac
- Three bedrooms & 4x2 double bedrooms
- Double & study room & en-suite shower room
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Extended fitted kitchen/dining room
- Spacious bathroom with shower
- 22ft long dining room
- Low maintenance black paved and gravelled gardens

£179,950



SUMMER HAYES
EDINBURGH DRIVE

- Pleasantly appointed dormer style bungalow
- Extended to the side elevation
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Extended fitted kitchen
- Extended bathroom with separate shower cubicle

£137,950



NEW INVENTION
MOORE ROAD

- Superbly appointed semi detached property
- Deceptively spacious accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Refined kitchen with oven and hob
- Refitted bathroom with separate walk-in shower cubicle
- Utility room and downstairs wc
- Off road parking to the fore
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows

£118,500



WILLENHALL
WILLIAMS CLOSE

- Pleasant semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows
- Shaped lounge/dining room
- Upstairs bathroom with shower cubicle
- Established rear garden
- Garage and off road parking

£134,500 NO CHAIN



COPPICE FARM
KESTREL GROVE

- Improved modern style detached family residence
- Gas central heating
- Part UPVC double glazed windows
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Refined breakfast kitchen
- Utility room and downstairs wc
- Enclosed rear garden, off road parking
- Garage and off road parking

WAS £225,000 NOW £215,000



NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL
CRAB LANE

- Extended three bedroom link detached property
- Excellent potential to improve and extend (STP)
- Gas warm air central heating system
- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Kitchen and utility rooms
- 25ft double length garage
- Driveway to the fore

£165,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



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LOT 1 4 Duncombe Green, Coleshill B46 1BP

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Guide Price £65,000-£75,000

This modern purpose built first floor maisonette boasting gas fired central heating and double glazing situated within a short distance of Coleshill village centre with facilities provided. The property offers an ideal opportunity for an investor and comprises:- Landing, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom.

LOT 2 26 Ashtree Road, Pelsall, WS3 4LR

Viewing: 15th, 24th, 29th March and 5th April all at 10.30am



Guide Price £80,000-£100,000

A traditionally styled semi-detached brick and tiled dwelling house situated within a short walk of Pelsall village centre with all facilities provided. Having the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing the property is in need of further improvement but offers an ideal opportunity for a first time buyer, young family or investor. Set back from the road behind a small fore garden flanked by drive leading into garage the property comprises the following:- Lounge, Inner Hallway, Rear Living Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Three Bedrooms, Garage and Fore and Rear Gardens.

LOT 3 117 Great Charles Street, Brownhills WS8 6AF

Viewing: 15th, 24th, 29th March and 5th April all at 10.00am



Guide Price £65,000-£75,000

This traditionally styled semi-detached property consisting of brick property constructed of brick under a pitch tiled roof set back from the road behind a tarmac driveway flanked by lawn and an attractive rear garden. Situated close to Brownhills centre the property has been well appointed and maintained and benefits from gas fired central heating and part double glazed and would make an ideal purchase for a first time buyer/investor. The accommodation comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Off Street Parking, Fore and good sized rear gardens.

LOT 4 Flat 8 Ridgeway Court, Bentley Road North, Walsall WS2 0PA

Viewing: Strictly by Appointment through Auctioneer on 01922 615222



Guide Price £40,000-£50,000

This purpose built first floor maisonette offers gas fired central heating and well planned accommodation being sold as an investment and comprises the following:- Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. The property is being sold as an investment property being let on a 12 month assured shorthold tenancy dating from 13th August 2011 in favour of Mr A Williams and Ms T Taylor at £415.00 per calendar month.

LOT 5 40 Treetops Drive, Willenhall WV12 4BQ

Viewing: Strictly by Appointment through Auctioneer on 01922 615222



Guide Price £30,000-£40,000

This purpose built first floor maisonette offering an ideal opportunity for an investor and the property is currently let on a recent 12 month assured shorthold tenancy. The property benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing and comprises:- Entrance Hall, Landing, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom and Shower Room. The property is let on an assured shorthold tenancy commencing 12th January 2012 at £350 per calendar month in respect to Mr Wayne Spittle.

LOT 6 64 Mount Pleasant, Bilston WV14 7NE

Viewing: Strictly by Appointment through Auctioneer on 01922 615222



Guide Price £56,000-£66,000

This traditionally styled end of terraced residence is situated within a short distance of Bilston town centre offering banking and other facilities. Ideally suited to the needs of a first time buyer or investor the property comprises: Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Lounge, Living Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Shower Room, Three Bedrooms, Blue brick yard provides access to Rear Garden.

LOT 7 3 Pine Close, Wolverhampton WV3 0UT

Viewing: 20th, 27th March and 3rd, 10th April all at 12.00pm



Guide Price £70,000-£80,000

A modern mid terraced property with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing set in a quiet cul-de-sac within a short distance of Wolverhampton city centre making an ideal purchase for a first time buyer or investor. Set back from the road behind a lawned fore garden with an enclosed rear garden the property comprises:- Enclosed Porch, Dining Area, Kitchen, Lounge, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, W.C.

LOT 8 66 Birmingham Road, Walsall WS1 7NE

Viewing: 15th, 24th, 29th March and 5th April all at 11.45am



Guide Price £250,000-£275,000

This traditionally styled detached family residence is situated in a highly sought after residential area in South Walsall and offers truly spacious well planned living accommodation in need of improvement and modernisation. Boasting many of its original features the property is in an elevated position overlooking Mayfield playing fields and offers spacious, well planned living accommodation situated close to Walsall town centre. The property comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Lobby, W.C./Utility, Five Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

LOT 9 1 Gower Street, Walsall WS2 9AS

Viewing: 15th, 24th, 29th March and 5th April all at 12.30pm



Guide Price £50,000 plus

This traditionally styled gas centrally heated and double glazed double fronted detached bungalow is in need of modernisation and improvement. The property comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage and Gardens. To the side of the property there is a driveway to a yard and buildings. These are occupied by Mr N T Horton, who has a protected lease under the Landlord and tenant Act of 1954, although there is no formal written lease, at a rent of £116.50 pcm. The lease also extends to the W.C. which although part of the bungalow has its own access, and water can be taken free of charge from the tap adjacent. The buildings on the Land are owned by the tenant. There is a right of way across the driveway in favour of the adjoining land owner.

LOT 10 20 New Street, Sheffield S4 1QD

Viewing: 15th, 24th, 29th March and 5th April all at 11.00am



Guide Price £30,000-£35,000

In need of total modernisation and improvement, this traditional semi detached house offers plenty of potential for further development. Situated in this convenient and popular residential location the property will ideally suit those looking for a major project. The property briefly comprises:- Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens.



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Bloxwich Revival Street
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● Garage & Driveway●Sorry no DHSS

£650 PCM



Walsall Slaney Road
● Four Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Through Lounge/Diner
● Kitchen
● Front & Rear Gardens
● Sorry no DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£575 PCM



Walsall Pommel Close
● Three Bed Link Detached
● Lounge●Garage●Utility
● Kitchen●Diner●Bathroom
● Front & Rear Garden
● Sorry no DHSS

£550 PCM



Bloxwich Field Road
● Two Bedroom End- Terrace
● Gas Central Heating
● Double Glazing
● Allocated Parking
● Downstairs W.C. ●Sorry no DHSS

£550 PCM



Walsall Sneyd Lane
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
● Lounge●Dining Room
● Family Bathroom
● Double Glazing & Central Heating
● Sorry No DHSS

£525 PCM



Willenhall Mill Lane
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
● Large Lounge●Kitchen/Diner
● Driveway●Double Glazing & Central Heating
● Garage & Off Road Parking
● Front & Rear Gardens●DHSS Accepted

£525 PCM



Essington Broad Lane
● Three Bedroom Semi
● Two Reception Rooms
● Central Heating
● Extended Kitchen
● Sorry NO DHSS

£495 PCM



Bloxwich Millfield Avenue
● Three Bedroom End-Terrace
● Lounge●Kitchen●Dining Room
● Bathroom●Downstairs W.C.
● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating
● Front & Rear Gardens●DHSS Accepted

£495 PCM



Willenhall Kingfisher Court
● Two Bed Apartment
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom
● D.Glazing●Central Heating
● Off Road Parking
● Sorry No DHSS

£475 PCM



Walsall Tanners Court
● Two Bedroom Apartment
● Lounge●Fitted kitchen
● Security entrance
● Allocated parking
● Sorry NO DHSS

£475 PCM



Bloxwich Shrewsbury Close
● Three Bedroom Terrace
● Lounge●Dining Room
● Kitchen●Bathroom
● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating
● Front & Rear Gardens●Sorry No DHSS

£475 PCM



Bloxwich Signal Grove
● Two Bedroom Part Furnished House
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
● Double Glazing
● Electric Heating
● Sorry No DHSS

£450 PCM



Slaney Road, Walsall Saldavian Court
● Spacious Two Bed Top Floor Flat
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
● Electric Heating
● Double Glazing
● Sorry No DHSS

£450 PCM



Bloxwich Chepstow Way
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Bathroom●Double Glazing
● Gas Central Heating
● Front & Rear Gardens
● DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM



Bloxwich Foster Street
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Two Bedrooms●One Reception Room
● Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom
● Double Glazing●Rear Garden
● Off Road Parking

£450 PCM



Walsall Bloxwich Road
● Three Bedroom Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms
● Kitchen●Bathroom●Double Glazing
● Gas Central Heating
● Rear Garden●DHSS Accepted

£440 PCM



Bloxwich Signal Grove
● Two Bedroom Second Floor Flat
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
● Electric Heating●Communal Grounds
● Allocated Parking
● DHSS Accepted

£430 PCM



Walsall Prince Street
● Two Bedroom Terrace
● Lounge●Kitchen●Bathroom
● Double Glazing●Central Heating
● DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM



Walsall Waterfront Way
● One bed Ground Floor Apartment
● Lounge / Fitted Kitchen
● Electric Heating
● Double Glazing
● Sorry no DHSS

£425 PCM



Fishley Lane Fishley Court
● One Bedroom Apartment
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen
● Large Bathroom●Security Entrance
● Off Road Parking
● Sorry No DHSS

£425 PCM



Walker Road Blakenall Heath & Guild Court
● Two Bedroom Apartments
● Lounge●Kitchen●Family Bathroom
● Gas Central Heating
● Double Glazing●Rear Garden
● DHSS Accepted

From £425 PCM



Walsall Kent Street
● Three Bed Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms
● Kitchen●Bathroom
● Rear Garden●DHSS Accepted
● Sorry no Pets or Smokers

£425 PCM



Walsall Gallery Square
● One Bedroom Apartment
● Lounge●Bathroom
● Fitted kitchen
● Double glazing●Heating
● Sorry no DHSS

£400 PCM



Walsall Tudor House
● One Bedroom Apartment
● Lounge●Bathroom
● Fitted kitchen with appliances
● Double glazing
● Central heating●Sorry No DHSS

£400 PCM



Bloxwich Marton Court
● One Bedroom Apartments
● Lounge●Fitted kitchen
● Bathroom
● Courtyard parking
● DHSS Accepted

£400 PCM



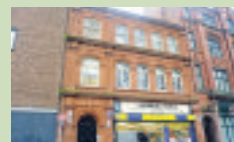
Bloxwich Harrison Street
● Two Bedroom Flat
● Lounge●Fitted Kitchen
● Double Glazing
● Electric heating●DHSS Accepted
● ONLY 1 MONTHS RENT HAS DEPOSIT

£400 PCM



Walsall Bloxwich Road
● Two Bedroom Flat
● Lounge●Kitchen
● Off Road Parking
● Gas Central Heating
● DHSS Accepted

£400 PCM



Walsall Bridge Street Lofts
● Two Bedroom Apartment
● One Reception room
● Heating
● Secure Entrance
● Sorry No DHSS

£400 PCM



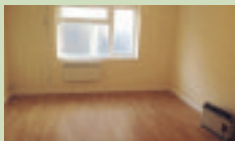
Bloxwich Parker Street
● One Bedroom First Floor Flat
● Lounge●Kitchen
● Bathroom
● Central Heating
● DHSS Accepted

£370 PCM



Walsall Moat Road
● Two Bed Flat above retail premises
● Lounge●Bedroom with Storage
● Kitchen
● Shower Room
● DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM



Bloxwich High Street
● One Bedroom Studio Flat
● Lounge●Bedroom with Storage
● Newly Fitted Kitchen & Shower Room
● Electric Heating●Double Glazing
● High Street Location●DHSS Accepted

£325 PCM



Bloxwich Barracks Lane
● One Bedroom Flat
● Kitchen
● Bathroom
● Double Glazing
● DHSS Accepted

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Harrowby Drive TIPTON



A one bedroom ground floor flat comprising lounge, kitchen, bathroom with fitted shower, bedroom with built in wardrobes and intruder alarm, No DSS, Viewing 0121 522 3733.

£325 pcm

Lily Street West Bromwich



A first Floor Studio Apartment benefiting from Electric heating and double glazed. Hallway, Bedditting Room, Kitchen, Shower Room/WC and Communal car parking. Door entry intercom.

£300 pcm

Carnegie Avenue Tipton



The property comprises a one bedroom first floor apartment, having a lounge with gas fire, fitted kitchen with gas cooker, fitted bathroom having bath with shower over, pedestal wash hand basin and wc. Viewing 0121 522 3733. NO DSS

£325 pcm

Pinfold Street Wednesbury



A one bedroom apartment with the benefit of central heating, double glazing, small rear garden. The property comprises lounge with laminate flooring, fitted kitchen with electric cooker, bedroom, bathroom with shower over bath.

£345 pcm

St Stephens Gardens Willenhall



To let: A well presented and spacious second floor flat which benefits from central heating and comprises of entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, master bedroom, stairs to loft space/study and communal parking area. Viewing through Willenhall on 01902 633323...

£350 pcm

Loxdale Sidings Bilston



3 Bedroom Apartment, fitted out with a modern, clean, contemporary finish, including larger appliances, chrome fittings, light oak flooring, wood carpets in bedrooms, roller blinds and curtains. The property also comprises, well proportioned lounge with open plan dining and fully fitted kitchen with stainless appliances, tiled Shower and Bath and bathroom. Gas Central heating, double glazing, security alarm, private parking and secure fire alarm system.

£395 pcm

Camberley West Bromwich



The property comprises a recently refurbished two bedroom 10th floor flat benefiting from electric heating. The accommodation includes two bedrooms, lounge with laminate flooring, bathroom, kitchen. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£395 pcm

Bank Street Bilston



A spacious 3 bedroom mid townhouse. Having brilliant local amenities and benefitting UPVC double glazing (where specified) and warm air heating. The property briefly comprises: reception hall, lounge, 18ft breakfast kitchen, guest wc, 3 bedrooms, family shower room, enclosed rear garden and off road parking for 1 car. Sorry no DSS

£400 pcm

Market Place Willenhall



A superb opportunity to acquire this refurbished one bedroom apartment, situated in a popular location close to excellent local amenities with easy access to motorway networks. The property is finished to a high standard and requires internal viewing to fully appreciate the level of accommodation. To include Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Fitted bathroom.

£425 pcm

Market Place Willenhall



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£425 pcm

Darby's Way Tipton



A modern two bedroom apartment with security entrance doors and electric storage heating, the accommodation includes lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven & hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, allocated parking. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£450 pcm

Wordsworth Close TIPTON



A well presented modern two bedroom town house, offering a good location and briefly comprises of Lounge, Kitchen, Two bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore garden and parking. No DSS

£450 pcm

Birmingham Road West Bromwich



An Attractive, 2nd floor Apartment benefiting from no upward chain. Double Glazed, Electric Heating and secure door entry system. Very convenient for M5 (Junc1), Metro and Town centre. Accommodation comprising Entrance Hall, Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom/WC, Communal Car parking space and Communal grounds and drying area. No DSS

£450 pcm

Ivy Road Tipton



The property comprises a three bedroom mid terrace house having the benefit of central heating and double glazing. The accommodation includes three bedrooms, lounge with laminate flooring and feature fireplace, fitted kitchen with oven and hob, guest wc, family bathroom with new suite and shower over bath, enclosed rear garden.

£475 pcm

63-69 Blomwich Road South Willenhall



Luxury 2 bedroom spacious apartments having the benefit of UPVC double & triple glazing, gas central heating & intruder alarm. These splendid larger than average properties briefly comprise, reception hall, good size lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances, two bedrooms (en-suite shower room to master), bathroom/wc & allocated parking spaces.

£495 pcm

Cophall Street Tipton



Modern Semi Detached Bungalow having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, fitted alarm, Alarm; briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking area & rear garden.

£525 pcm

Hillbury Drive Willenhall



UNDER APPLICATION: Modern 2 bedroom detached home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. The property briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge (with feature fireplace), re-fitted breakfast kitchen, 2 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, off road parking for several vehicles and garage.

£525 pcm

63-65 Bustleholme Lane West Bromwich



A two bedroom ground floor luxury apartment with the benefit of gas central heating, double glazing, security system, communal gardens and off road parking. The property comprises lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven & hob, fridge, freezer, wall & base units, fully tiled bathroom / wc, bedrooms with carpets and curtains.

£525 pcm

Windsor Road Tipton



Improved corner position end town house with UPVC windows & ramp; gas central heating. Porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted pine fronted kitchen/dining room with built in oven & hob, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, detached side garage & ramp; gardens. No DSS

£550 pcm

Willenhall Street Darlaston



TO LET: A fully refurbished three bedroom middle terrace property benefiting from majority UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property briefly comprises, lounge, dining room, re-fitted breakfast kitchen, re-fitted ground floor bathroom, three bedrooms and rear garden.

£525 pcm

St Georges Road



A superbly presented two bedroom semi detached property, situated in a popular well established neighbourhood close to excellent local amenities and with easy access to transport links. This impressive property offers a good standard of that requires internal viewing to fully appreciate the level of accommodation which briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Two double bedrooms, Family bathroom, Private rear garden, Garage with further workshop, Dg, Gch No DSS

£525 pcm

63-65 Bustleholme Lane West Bromwich



A two bedroom 1st floor luxury apartment with the benefit of gas central heating, double glazing, internet & only system, communal gardens and off road parking. The property comprises lounge/fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, fridge, freezer, wall & base units, fully tiled bathroom/wc, 2 bedrooms with carpets and curtains.

£525 pcm

63-65 Bustleholme Lane West Bromwich



A two bedroom 1st floor luxury apartment with the benefit of gas central heating, double glazing, internet & only system, communal gardens and off road parking. The property comprises lounge/fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, fridge, freezer, wall & base units, fully tiled bathroom/wc, 2 bedrooms with carpets and curtains.

£525 pcm

Rutland Road Wednesbury



A well presented 3 bedroom semi detached home. The property is double glazed (gas specified) and centrally heated. The accommodation comprises a reception hall, 23ft through lounge diner, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed rear low maintenance garden and a lawned foreground. No dss, no pets.

£550 pcm

Threshers Drive Willenhall



*** Recently built 3 bedroom terrace house available having the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. The properties briefly comprise, reception hall, guest WC, fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob, lounge, three bedrooms (master with en-suite shower room) family bathroom, block paved off road parking and rear garden.

£550 pcm

Sandlers Crescent Tipton



UNDER APPLICATION
The property comprises a three bedroom, three storey end town house benefiting from central heating, double glazing. With en-suite shower room to master bedroom, fitted wardrobes to master bedroom, bathroom, fitted kitchen with oven and hob, ground floor lounge. Viewing 0121 525 5520

£550 pcm

Lindley Avenue



A superbly appointed and stylishly presented three bedroom semi detached property, situated at the end of a quiet cul de sac in this popular location close to excellent local amenities and with easy access to motorway networks. The property is finished to a high standard and internal viewing is essential to fully appreciate the level of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Through lounge/ diner, Well equipped modern fitted kitchen, Three bedrooms, Luxury family bathroom, Private rear garden, Dg and Gch. No DSS, No Pets

£575 pcm

Hollyhock Court Wolverhampton



Stunning new apartments available in the heart of Wolverhampton
Hollyhock Court is situated in a desirable residential area of Wolverhampton, within a mile of the City Centre. Within a few minutes you can find yourself in Tettenhall Village with access to the local leisure facilities, shops and restaurants. West Park is within walking distance and is renowned for its boating lake, conservatory and outdoor events. With a leisurely stroll you can walk to the City Centre and gain access to the City's major art, leisure and retail attractions, with access to some of the regions finest places for eating and entertainment.

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£595 pcm

Victoria Street Willenhall



A modern three bedroom two storey town house situated in a popular location just a short distance from Willenhall town centre and with easy access to motorway networks. The property offers a spacious layout and high standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted Kitchen, Guest WC, Three good size bedrooms with en suite, Private garden, Dg and Gch. No DSS

£595 pcm

Westbourne Road



A superbly appointed and stylishly presented two bedroom traditional detached bungalow situated in a desirable residential neighbourhood the property has undergone extensive refurbishment throughout and is finished to a high standard making internal viewing essential to fully appreciate the level of accommodation. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Well equipped modern fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Luxury bathroom, Dg, Gch and Private rear garden.

£625 pcm

Hollyhock Court



Stunning new apartments available in the heart of Wolverhampton
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£650 pcm

Shrubbery Avenue



An attractive traditional three bedroom semi detached property offering a well planned spacious layout and high standard of accommodation. The property is in a popular well established location close to excellent transport links and briefly comprises of Lounge, Dining Room, Well equipped modern fitted kitchen, Three good size bedrooms, Guest wc, Private rear garden, Parking, Dg and Gch.

£650 pcm

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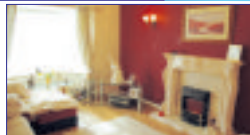


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£215,000

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OFFERS AROUND:

Willenhall Stroud Avenue NEW



- Immaculately Presented
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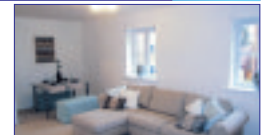
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Utility Room
- Family Bathroom

£149,950

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OFFERS AROUND:

Bilston Loxdale Sidings NEW



- 1 Bedroom Coach House
- Freehold
- No Upward Chain
- Central Heating and Double Glazing

- One Bedroom
- Integral Garage
- Living Room
- Fitted Kitchen

£99,950

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OFFERS AROUND:

Willenhall Poodles Lane



- Extended Semi-Detached
- Much Improved
- 2 Bedrooms
- Central Heating and Double Glazing

- Entrance Hall
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom

£119,950

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OFFERS AROUND:

Wednesfield, Wolverhampton Broad Lane South NEW



- Impressive Family Home
- Extended and Upgraded
- 4 Good Bedrooms
- Sought After Location

- 3 Reception Rooms
- 21ft Luxury Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room and Guest WC
- Office / Playroom

£389,950

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Offers Around

Uplands Grove Willenhall



- Extended Semi-Detached
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac Location
- No Upward Chain

£105,000

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- Two Bedroom Semi Detached
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Dressing Area To Bedroom One

£99,950

Viewing: 01902 633323

Terrace Villas Darlaston



- Extended Semi detached
- Centrally Heated & Upgraded
- 5 Bedrooms
- Central heating and double glazing

£199,950

Viewing: 01902 633323

- Large Detached Bungalow
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Central Heating and Majority Double Glazing
- Living Room

£189,950

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Wood Street Wednesbury



- A 2 Bedroom End Residence
- Gas Centrally Heated & Double Glazed (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!
- Reception Hall

£84,995

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- 3 Bedroom Mid-Terrist
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating (where specified)
- Newly fitted L-Shaped Kitchen/ Dining Room

£89,950

Viewing: 01902 633323

Western Avenue Walsall



- Terraced Property
- 2 Bedrooms
- Parking To The Rear
- No Upward Chain

£77,950

Viewing: 01902 633323

- Extended Semi-Detached
- 2 Double Bedrooms with Fitted Wardrobes
- Recently Refurbished
- New Double Glazing and Central Heating

£105,000

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Temple Road Willenhall



- Ground Floor Flat
- 2 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing

£58,000

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- A Surprisingly Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain & Located in a Cul-de-Sac Location
- Spacious Reception Hall & Guest WC

£123,500

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Wolverhampton Broad Lane South REDUCED



- 4 Bedroom Detached
- Much Improved
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Solar Powered Water Heating

£340,000

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OFFERS AROUND:

Cedar Road Willenhall



- Extended Semi-Detached
- 3 Bedrooms with Balcony off Master
- Double Glazing
- Warm air Central Heating

£134,950

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- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Generous Corner Plot
- 3 Bedrooms
- Adjoining 33ft Annex

£179,995

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Devon Road Willenhall



- Traditional Semi Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- Entrance Porch

£114,950

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- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!

£129,995

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Hawthorn Drive Willenhall



- Modern Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC double glazed window

£110,000

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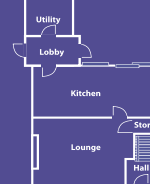
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WATERY LANE, WILLENHALL

- Three bed detached bungalow
- uPVC double glazing and gas central heating
- Utility room
- Private location with woodland views
- Garage and off road parking
- Extensive gardens

OFFERS £165,000



HONEYBOURNE WAY, KINGFISHER EST, WILLENHALL

- Link Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Ground Floor W.C.
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Conservatory

OFFERS £159,950



AMPLEFORTH DRIVE, WILLENHALL

- Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing & Central Heating
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Conservatory
- Garage

OFFERS £155,000



GREENHILL CLOSE, WILLENHALL

- Link detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Popular area close to Summer Hayes
- Central heating and double glazing
- Garage
- Gardens front and rear

OFFERS £139,950



CROXDENE AVENUE, BLOXWICH

- Spacious 3 Bed Semi
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Through Lounge plus Front Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen with hob and oven
- Laundry Room
- Lobby with WC, Storage and Workshop
- Extensive Gardens

OFFERS £137,500



CHAUCER AVENUE, WILLENHALL

- Modern Three Bedroomed Semi-detached
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front Driveway and rear garden
- Side Garage
- Possible opportunity to buy on 50% shared ownership

OFFERS £124,950 or £82,500 for 50% share



COLTHAM ROAD, SHORT HEATH

- Three Bedroomed Semi-Detached
- Larger than Average Corner Plot
- Potential for Expansion
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Two reception rooms
- Detached Garage
- No Chain

OFFERS £114,950



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Italian job moving on to the next generation

HOW times change. The first Fiat Panda arrived in 1980 and has become a design classic, thanks to a strict approach to keeping things simple and cheap.

The result was a functional, slab-sided car for people without much money, and with simple, flat (and cheap) glass, simple (and cheap) suspension and a clever (and cheap) rear seat of canvas stretched between two poles that lifted out to produce a Panda van, more or less.

Now, more than six million sales later comes the third generation Panda and it's no longer nearly so utilitarian, or so cheap. Competitively priced is how I'm sure Fiat would put it, but it's arrived in a fiercely fought part of the new car market and had better be good.

It looks like a slightly larger (all round) and more rounded version of the second generation Panda that arrived in 2003 and is, says Fiat, safer and more economical than before.

It also comes with the chance to have a

By Ian Donaldson

potential design classic under the bonnet if you tick the right box, as I did for the test car.

Called TwinAir, it's a tiny two-cylinder 875cc petrol engine that uses a turbo and clever technology to provide more power than you'd expect and claimed terrific economy (although more of that later).

Priced from £9,400 to £12,250, there's a choice of three petrol engines and a lone diesel. The test car, in mid-spec Easy trim cost £10,750.

In more rural parts of Italy, physical and spiritual homeland of the Panda, you'll still see plenty of old models about, a lot of them with four-wheel drive and ideal for life on a smallholding.

Expect to see all-wheel drive offered on the newcomer before too long, but on Britain's mainly tarred and only occasionally snowed upon roads, the front-wheel drive Panda ought to do well enough.

The test car, faced with nothing more

onerous than some pretty Cotswolds lanes, looked the part on the outside with simple, smoothly contoured lines and, inside, did a decent job of disguising the fact it had to be built to a strict price limit.

Without driver's seat height adjustment (£50 extra) and with the optional (£720) space robbing sunroof fitted there was an immediate conflict between head and roof, eased by retracting the roof blind and letting the sun shine in through the tinted glass above. A car without the sunroof proved more accommodating.

Most of the new Panda's increased length has been given over to increased rear seat room, helped by thinning the front seatbacks. From September you'll be able to buy a Panda with a sliding rear seat, while the car is now available with a middle seat headrest and safety belt to make use of the new car's extra width.

But the Panda is all about driving, once you've fired up the TwinAir engine and pulled away, to a soundtrack that's recalls a toned-down race track refugee. Give it some revs and this little baby fairly flies,

although you'll have a hard time checking its pace thanks to a desperately overstyled speedometer face. A ride that turns choppy on less than perfect surfaces didn't help.

After 40 miles of fun the trip computer read 44mpg. Not bad but not brilliant. Time to try harder on the economy front. My passenger switched seats for the drive back to base and played very lightly with the accelerator as though it was heated to furnace temperature and changed up

when the dash indicator told him too.

All this restraint improved matters to a still-middling 49mpg and miles off the 67.8mpg quoted in the mandatory Euro test. There's only one conclusion; you might as well enjoy life in the latest little Fiat.


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Road runner – BMW's Hybrid 5 offers Sport and Sport+ modes



As well as electric power the Hybrid 5 has a 3-litre twin-turbocharged 302bhp petrol unit

BMW back to the best with their Hybrid 5

SPARE A thought for those who aren't and probably never will be a fan of diesel. It's hardly the most delightful of substances to handle, and service stations without disposable gloves on hand ought to be closed down.

By Matt Joy

FACTS AT A GLANCE

BMW Active Hybrid 5, £46,860

Engine: 3.0-litre petrol with electric motor producing 335bhp and 332lb.ft of torque

Transmission: Eight speed automatic driving the rear wheels

Performance: Top speed 155mph, 0-62mph 5.9 seconds

Economy: 44.1mpg combined

Emissions: 149g/km of CO2

The trouble is, diesel engines have seen huge advances over the last decade and with manufacturers pouring millions into developing cleaner, faster and more refined powerplants, they make an awful lot of sense.

BMW has been at the forefront of this trend too; only a few weeks ago it announced a fiendishly clever triple-turbo high-performance diesel.

But it has an arguably unequalled reputation for superb petrol engines, and now it's trying to combine this know-how with some electric boost.

The Active Hybrid 5 is the firm's first hybrid offering to reach the UK, and just looking at the vital statistics it has an awful lot to offer.

Behind the familiar 5-Series nose there is the 3.0-litre twin-turbocharged 302bhp petrol unit already used elsewhere in the BMW range and in particular the 535i – the car that BMW says the Hybrid 5 is an alternative to.

In the Hybrid 5, however, there is 52bhp electric motor added to the mix and with both motors pulling at the same time there is 335bhp and 332lb.ft of torque, all channelled to the rear wheels only through an eight-speed automatic gearbox.

No question, then, that it is still a sporting saloon; 0-62mph takes only 5.9 seconds and it is fast enough that the 155mph electronic limiter is required.

Navigation

Yet the eco numbers are remarkably good too. The combined fuel consumption of 44.1mpg is just a whisker behind a manual 535i diesel, as is the 149g/km CO2 emissions figure.

Yet from the driver's seat, there's almost nothing to tell you you're in a petrol hybrid.

The comprehensive standard specification includes the highest grade satellite navigation, which in a clever combination of technology adjusts the drivetrain to suit forthcoming road conditions for maximum efficiency.

There's four-zone climate control and the high-gloss wood trim too. So far, so typically excellent 5-Series.

But when you fire it up there's complete silence, and if you tread gently on the accelerator it pulls away under battery power.

And this being a petrol it can manage 2.4 miles before it has to switch onto petrol power, but with the charge flowing in and out you find yourself switching into pure electric mode far more often than the mileage would suggest.

It also runs up to 37mph in electric mode, but better still is the way in which the engine shuts off completely on the overrun.

As with many recent BMWs, the Hybrid 5 has driver-selectable modes including Sport, Comfort and most crucially EcoPro.

In this mode everything is

geared towards efficiency, including the air conditioning, throttle response and gearshift selection.

It also increases the speed at which the engine falls dormant; even at 100mph, back off the accelerator completely and the Hybrid 5 will shut down and feed energy back into the battery.

It achieves the key goal for a hybrid in that it adds something to the driving experience but without asking anything more from the driver.

Better yet, it doesn't harm its credentials as a sporting saloon. Even in EcoPro or Comfort modes the Hybrid 5 gets along smartly if you use a little bit of acceleration, and the eight-speed automatic breezes between shifts.

Turn up the wick a little and it still feels just as sharp. Hit the button again and in Sport or Sport+ mode the Hybrid 5 feels just as sharp and responsive as any other 5-Series.

BMW's philosophy of good weight distribution has been maintained despite the addition of weighty batteries in the boot area.

Admittedly, the test car was on regular rubber rather than the standard low rolling resistance tyres, but the inherent 'rightness' of the basic set up is impossible to miss.

And when you decide to forgo the economy driving, the Hybrid 5 has a mighty turn of speed. You can shift manually with the wheel-mounted paddles, and forget the car you're driving is remotely green.

And this being a petrol it has genuine keenness, responds sharply to throttle inputs and with all that power and torque, blasts along with real vigour.

The real gem though is that the Hybrid 5 makes a financial case for itself too. At a shade over £46,000 it gets pretty close to its in-house rivals, but what the Hybrid 5 does that nothing else can is match petrol power with performance, economy and low emissions all together.

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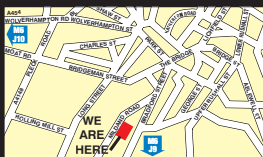
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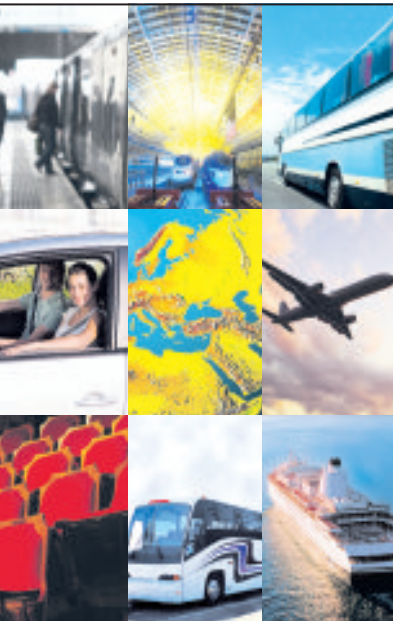
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Two late goals hit luckless Olympic

Rushall Olympic 2
Kendal Town 3

TWO late goals in four minutes snatched victory from luckless Olympic.

The hosts conceded goals in the 88th and 92nd minutes after leading 2-1.

The Pies had made the best possible start when, after only nine minutes, Martyn Naylor's excellent centre was met by a towering header from assistant manager Nick Amos, that powered its way into the bottom right corner past the despairing dive of goalkeeper Craig Dootson.

The lead lasted just 12 minutes, when a debatable free-kick was awarded to Kendal along their left flank. The ball fell to Mark Jackson with time and space some 35 yards out and the midfielder drove a venomous effort goalwards that appeared to take a deflection on its way past goalkeeper Chris Gemmell.

Rushall regained the advantage on 54 minutes. Craig Bannister flicked on to Alex Melbourne. The winger delivered an inch perfect centre to the far post that was met by Christian Dacres, who rattled the ball home from eight yards out.

With two minutes left, Kendal threw a huge spanner in the works as they restored parity for the second time. The ball was cleared only as far as Rory Winters, who let fly with a low drive that winged through a crowded goal-mouth and past Gemmell.

Olympic's woes were compounded in the second minute of stoppage time, when Decio Gomes was adjudged to have hauled down a Town attacker. The referee pointed to the spot. Kevin Leadbetter clinically converted, sending Gemmell the wrong way.

Double victory for Throstles

Silverdale Throstles U9 2

WYRELYE LIONS gave Sukhjoie Sohal gave Throstles victory. He notched his first after a fine run and shot, then added a second.

Silverdale Throstles U9 2

Shireoak Saints 0

The Throstles took a second win on the day, opening the scoring when Alfie Morgan drove in Ben Stanley's inswinging corner.

Stanley turned from provider to scorer to notch the second.

Wing wizard's 50m dash for winning try

WALSALL'S top try scorer Alex Greenslade produced a superb 50-metre touchline run to dive over near the corner flag for the match-winning score five minutes from time.

It gave the visitors their first ever league win at Pearcecroft.

In a closely contested match both teams will be disappointed at their failure to produce any great continuity of play as the game became a rather scrappy affair.

The hosts gained their only points after just eight minutes. It

was on their first foray into the Walsall 22m, as they gained possession, kick ahead and some quick passing resulted in fly-half Simon Brain going over near the posts for a try that he converted.

The visitors put together some promising attacks, but possession was often wasted or lost.

They managed to get their first score after 15 minutes. They had carried the ball well but had lost possession deep in Stratford territory. The Walsall pack surprised their opponents at the scrum and

Stratford 7 Walsall 10

pushed them back and off the ball. No 8 Rod Dickson reacted quickly and scooped up the ball and was through the Stratford defence in an instant for a well taken score.

The blustery wind made it difficult for both teams. Passes and kicks went astray and the lineup proved was a bit of a lottery.

The hosts had several periods of pressure in Walsall territory in the first half. Credit must be given for some terrific tackling by the visi-

tors. Captain Steve Halbert set a good example but praise must also be given to Andy Fitzgerald, Pete Fitzgerald, Jimmy Scott, Rob Tierney and Rod Dickson. While Wootton and Potts in the centre proved difficult to get past.

It seemed the visitors would get the breakthrough in the opening of the second half, as they produced a series of promising attacks but once again position was lost.

The winning try came from their willingness to run the ball out of defence. Merlin, Halbert, Andy

Fitzgerald and Tierney had made some good ball carries and then the ball was moved to Wood, who found Pete Fitzgerald on his shoulder. The burly prop threw a long pass to Greenslade on the left wing.

Once the Welsh wizard had got some space, he was away to touch down near the corner flag.

Walsall thirds beat Tamworth 40-15 with tries from Paul Naylor (2), Simon Bickley, George Berry, Jeff Williamson and Neil Pittaway, who kicked five conversions.

Aston's heroics can't halt Robins

Dudley Town 5 Darlaston 1

DARLASTON goalkeeper Andy Aston performed heroically but it was not enough to prevent a big Robins win.

The visitors, who had only picked up eight points all season, fielded just one player from the side felled 3-0 at home to Wolves Casuals the previous Saturday, after former Robins manager Steve Hinks resigned.

Aston was called into action within the first minute when he held a shot from Ben Store, whilst at the other end a rare break from the visitors was ended when Shane Rollinson fell foul of Dudley's offside trap. There was still time for Aston to deny Store once more before Dudley deservedly took the lead on 11 minutes. Brett McGilligan firing home. McGilligan found the net once more with five minutes of the first half remaining.

Darlaston held out until the 58th minute before Dudley made it 3-0 when Langford struck home after a fine run into the box.

Credit had to go to Darlaston as they never allowed their heads to drop and were rewarded on 72 minutes when Rollinson beat Chris Whittaker to the ball and planted it in the back of James Trevalen's goal.

First-half goals sink Lockmen

Stratford Town 3 Willenhall 0

WILLENHALL remain pointless on their Midland Alliance travels this season as three first-half goals took care of business for mid-table Stratford.

The Lockmen made the worst possible start when they conceded after only 40 seconds. A long ball into the box allowed Chris Murphy time to pick his spot.

Danico Johnson went close twice for the visitors but on 15 minutes it was 2-0 as Liam Flynn came for a cross then changed his mind and James Travis' header floated over him.

Stratford were carving open Willenhall's defence but bad misses and excellent kept them out until Murphy netted his second two minutes before the break.

The second half was better for Willenhall though efforts from Johnson, Reece Leek and Jack Austin failed to seriously test the keeper.

It's another step on the road to survival

Walsall 0 Hartlepool 0

STEP by step, Walsall are marching towards League One safety.

The significance of Saturday's stalemate with Hartlepool may end up being lost in the ether but, while frustrating, the 16th draw of the season could yet be the most important.

With it the Saddlers made it six games unbeaten and posted their longest unbeaten run in the division for three years, **writes Nick Mashiter.**

It not only proves how woefully inconsistent the team, in a number of guises, have been for years but also the strides made over the past six weeks.

Walsall needed to find form, any form, to keep their heads above water and renew the belief about escaping the drop.

And now they have it must be maintained. The Saddlers cannot afford to go into the final few games – including clashes with promotion-chasing Charlton, Huddersfield and MK Dons – struggling for points.

They need to bank them now, which is why results like Saturday's go a long way to survival.

Vital

Walsall are not going to draw their way out of trouble; wins are still paramount for a team so precariously placed, but every clean sheet or point is vital.

It widened the gap to Exeter, and the last relegation slot, to three points – with a game in hand.

Had that been offered at the turn of the year it would have been taken and now the Saddlers can continue their recent trend at Yeovil on Saturday.

That is not to say it wasn't a missed chance, though. Mat Sadler summed it up perfectly when he insisted Hartlepool were there for the taking.

Previously a point against 'Pool – with the fifth best away record in the division – would have been celebrated. But another brave display was greeted with frustration follow-



George Bowerman, left, battles for possession at the Banks's



Alex Nicholls at full stretch as Walsall take on Hartlepool

ing Walsall's second-half dominance.

Their efforts warranted more and, had Andy Butler's 72nd-minute header been a yard lower, they would have recorded back-to-back wins. They had to settle for a point but the good thing is the Saddlers begrudged settling.

There is enough belief and momentum in the side to put some serious daylight between themselves and the bottom four.

After the 3-2 win over Sheffield United four points from two home games isn't a bad haul – 12 points from the last 18 makes fine reading. That has, partly, come from four clean sheets from their last six games with Oliver Lancashire, Butler and now Manny Smith excelling.

Smith replaced Lancashire, suffering from blurred vision, midway through Saturday's first-half to end his own turbulent spell. The defender had some soul-searching

to do after his ill-advised Twitter comments last month saw him cop a £1,200 FA fine but he has come back stronger.

Smith vented a month's worth of frustration on Hartlepool to return to form and prove his own personal point.

He has looked on as Lancashire and Butler formed the impressive backbone of the Saddlers' revival.

It wouldn't have been easy but he ensured Walsall claimed another shut-out – although it was against a limited opposing team, who lost skipper Sam Collins to a calf injury in the warm-up.

Lee Beevers and Alex Nicholls replaced the injured Richard Taundry and Jamie Paterson for the Saddlers.

It took until the 17th minute for a chance and when it came George Bowerman dragged his effort a yard wide.

And following that, the teams continued a

game of pass the parcel – the midfield being the chief culprits.

The ponderous nature of the half ended with its best chance when the unmarked Bowerman nodded over Beevers' cross.

But the busy striker unsettled 'Pool and Neil Collins escaped with just a yellow from referee Stuart Attwell after he bodychecked Bowerman when he burst through.

It at least woke the game from its slumber and, after Jon Whitney and Hartlepool manager Neale Cooper briefly squared up on the touchline, Butler headed over when Scott Flinders missed Kevan Hurst's corner.

Will Grigg fired at Flinders and Sam Mantom was the victim of an unfortunate bobble when he looked to connect with Grigg's cross.

It summed up the Saddlers' frustrations but a draw was another step to survival.

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Eye injury does not stop fight for Gethin

WALSALL'S Martin Gethin will box at Wolverhampton Civic Hall next Friday night as planned despite picking up a swollen eye in his last fight.

Gethin's left eye was almost completely closed after he picked up an International Masters title with a points win over Ivan Godor last Friday night, *writes Craig Birch*.

But the two-time English lightweight champion has been cleared to box his scheduled six-rounder on the Civic bill, live on BoxNation.

The 28-year-old, who is chasing British champion Anthony Crolla, serves on the undercard of the first British title fight in nearly four years at the Civic.

Shane McPhilbin will put his cruiserweight belt up for grabs for the first time against former WBO world and European champion Enzo Maccarinelli.

Shocked

It's the lightweight crown that Gethin covets and he will watch as Crolla defends next month, against Derry Mathews on April 21.

Crolla stepped up to take the title, as Gethin was spending 19 months out of the ring with a back injury.

Willie Limond didn't even win one of the 12 rounds in the champion's first defence last November, while Mathews has been stopped six times in his career.

Gethin said: "It's a bit crazy, really, and it's shocked me that Mathews has got another title shot, he's been stopped so many times."

"I would have any of those lads. I just want to get to the British title and I will never give up until that belt belongs to me."

Gethin's title test at the Peterborough Arena was only his second fight since returning to the ring in November, in a six-round points shut-out over Poland's Arkel Malek.

For tickets to the show at the Civic, call the box office on 0870 320 7000 or promoter Paul 'PJ' Rowson on 07976 283 157.

Bloxwich set to complain

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BLOXWICH men's hockey firsts are to lodge a complaint about the umpiring of this match.

Adam Baldwin – sent off later for protesting – got the Bloxwich equaliser after they had fallen behind to a goal where the ball was allegedly kicked twice.



Successful students from Simkin Martial Arts Academy

Medal haul in California

Martial arts

YOUNGSTERS from a martial arts academy in Walsall picked up a string of medals at an international competition in America.

Six students from Simkin Martial Arts Academy, based in Lichfield Street, came out victorious at the Kids Pan American Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Championships, which were staged in California.

Tommy Simkin, aged seven, and Jamie Jones, 10, both of Walsall, along with Roshan Din, 10, of Birmingham, all picked up silver medals in their age and weight categories.

Charli Simkin, 12, of Walsall, and Danyal Azad, nine, of Birmingham, both picked up bronze medals.

Anton Turner, 12, of Walsall, was placed fifth in his category.

Neil Simkin, father of Tommy and Charli, who runs the academy, said he was proud of all his students.

The 39-year-old said: "They fight in national tournaments regularly but this was their first international competition."

"It was a big thing for them. There were 800 competitors there from all over the world."

"I want to thank Masaru from Nottingham for providing the fight wear and tracksuits."

Anyone interested in joining the club can get more details by calling 07816 914540.

Students pictured with their medals left are, bottom from left, Danyal Azad and Roshan Din and, top left to right, Tommy Simkin, Jamie Jones, Anton Turner and Charli Simkin.

Club's 200 not out is reason to celebrate

WALSALL Cricket Club – one of the oldest in the country – is to celebrate its bi-centenary.

A newspaper article dated November 30, 1872 describes a dinner being held in the Dragon Hotel on November 18 which marked its 60th anniversary, meaning the club was founded in 1812.

So 2012 will see a series of events to highlight a proud history and the club's vision for the next 200 years.

The present ground has been the club's home for a century. It was previously based in the Chuckery.

During its history Walsall Cricket Club has played host to an array of talent stretching from WG Grace and his All England XI through England captains Michael Atherton and Andrew Flintoff to Wasim Akram.

Founder

As a founder member of the Birmingham League the club proudly boasts that it remains the only club never to have been relegated from its Premier Division.

A further highlight was its victory in the Abbot Ale National Knockout Final at Lord's in 1996, a year in which all three senior teams won their respective leagues.

Walsall's bi-centenary season opens with the first round of the Graham Williamson Trophy, at home, against Wellington on April 14.

It culminates with a grand ball to be held on September 22.

During the course of the season the club will be represented by three sides on Saturday and a further two on Sunday.

Walsall Cricket Club also has a thriving junior section which will play in the West Midlands League at Under 10, 11 13 and 15 levels.

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WORLD RECORD IS SMASHED BY ELLIE

WALSALL'S Paralympic swimming star Ellie Simmonds is basking in the glory of setting the first-ever world record in the Olympic Aquatics Centre.

The Walsall-born double Paralympic gold medalist produced a stunning race to swim an incredible time of three minutes and 8.14 seconds.

It shaved 0.84sec off her own record in the 200m medley final and she looks in fine form, having never won anything other than gold at the Olympics or World Championships.

We have the edge soothes Saddler boss

WALSALL'S Mat Sadler reckons the club has the edge as the League One safety battle heats up.

The Saddlers face a crunch trip to Yeovil on Saturday and still have to play three of the bottom four.

With Walsall three points clear of the drop and 11 games to go, Sadler insisted preserving League One status is there for the taking.

"It certainly is. There's a three-point cushion between us and Exeter and we can look on a point like Saturday's draw with Hartlepool and say it's a valuable one," he said.

"Personally I'm looking forward to it because it's so tight from us in 20th to Hartlepool in 10th or 11th."

"A couple of wins and you're up the table. I don't want to be too disrespectful but looking at Hartlepool on Saturday I can't see why they aren't fighting down at the bottom."

The 17-year-old has already secured the qualifying time for the 50m, 100m and 400m freestyle and is looking forwards to another gold rush in front of home fans and the watching world this summer.

She said: "To come into the 200 and smash my world record, I just can't believe it. I'm so chuffed. I was really emotional."

"To get a world record in this pool in front of the home fans is just amazing."

Cheering

"It is going to be really good in the summer, to have a home crowd and everyone cheering."

"Knowing it is going to be 10 times more in the Paralympics, I can't wait."

The teenager was edged into second by Beijing gold medalist Heather Frederiksen in the 100m freestyle earlier in the week.

Simmonds added: "I have great people around me. My coach and family are amazing. I wanted to enjoy it and getting gold is great, but a world record is something else."

Natalie Jones finished second placed in a time of 3.15.57 and Rhiannon Henry third in the multi-classification event.



Eleanor Simmonds, right, celebrates with Gemma Almond after winning gold and setting a new world record in the women's MC 200m individual at the newly opened Aquatics Centre in the Olympic Park, London

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